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NEW GOVERNMENT

Wang Ching-wai to Be Head of the Party.

SEVERE FIGHTING.

Marshal Chiang to Launch Offensive.

Yen Hsi-shan has notified the Foreign Diplomatic Body:—

That a new government will be formed at Peking within this month, with Wang Ching-wai at the head of the Party, Feng Yu-hsiang, the chief of the army, and Yen himself the chief executive of the Government.

That the Customs duty and salt revenue are to be controlled by the new Government.

That Japan and America will not utilise the present critical situation of China for their own advantage.

It is reported that the new Yen-Feng Government will be formally inaugurated on June 1, for the organisation of which 23 articles have been drafted by Chao Tai-wen, ex-President of the Control Yuan, Si Tu-pih, ex-Minister of the Interior, and other representatives. Three departments, including Foreign Affairs, Interior, and Finance, will be first formed and the staffs for these departments will be appointed later.

THE NORTHERN WAR.

Shanghai, Sunday.

With a view to cutting the communications between Pengpu and Hsuehchow, a line now held by the National troops, the Kuomintang commenced the offensive on May 3 in three directions: the central column under Sun Tien-ying has been attacking Nansu, a district midway between Pengpu and Hsuehchow, which is still guarded by Chen Chi-ching of the 3rd National Division; the left wing under Wan Tsun-tsai has been engaging in a severe, so far undecided, battle with Liu Chih of the 1st National Division in the vicinity of Hwoyang, 80 miles from Pengpu; and the right wing under Sun Liang-ching is advancing towards Sikshan on the Lung-Hai line.

Since the outbreak of hostilities in the north of Anhwei, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has issued an order to launch the offensive, with instructions to the National generals to direct the following movements: Chiang Ting-wen of the 9th Division to push forward to Yencheng; Hsia Tao-yen of the 13th Division to advance northward from Sinyangchow; Chang Wai-chang, Chief of the National Aviation Department to command eight planes to bombard Chengchow; Marshal Chiang himself to direct the armoured cars from Hsuehchow to attack the rebels on the Lung-Hai line; the 45th, 47th and 4th (newly organised) Divisions to station at Chumati and Kokshan; the 44th and 48th Divisions to patrol the line from Sinyangchow to Wushingkuang; and the cadets and Pao-an (Peace Maintenance) troops to garrison Wuchang and Hankow.

Shantung Situation.

Tsinan, Sunday.

The Shansi forces under Feng Peng-tse, marching on the 2nd from Pingyuan, via Kotang, to attack Tsilho, 15 miles from Tsinan, engaged the National troops under Han Fu-chu the entire day, but the result of the battle is still undecided. Another contingent of Shansi troops under Fu Tsu-yi are now attacking Yucheng, 30 miles from Tsinan, there being no definite news of the engagement so far received.

Shih Yu-san is marching from Tsining to Chungchow, followed by a portion of rebels under Sun Tien-ying, advancing from Kwei-teh to Tsaochow, the western border of Shantung, and aiming at the capture of Tsinan. The National troops under Han Fu-chu are guarding Tsinan, being divided into two bodies, one to guard

against the advance of Shih Yu-san and the other to prevent the attack of the Shansi forces.

After conferring with Han Fu-chu at Tsinan, General Ma Hsueh-kuei has decided to lead his entire force to Tsinan, in order to strengthen the defence of western Shantung.

General Chen Tiao-yuan has tendered his resignation of the Chairmanship of Shantung.

The War Zone.

Peking, Sunday.
Chu Hao-hsiang, who was appointed by Yen Hsi-shan to take charge of the Foreign Affairs in Peking, has notified the various Legations in Peking that the area along the Lung-Hai line is now declared the war zone and that they are requested to inform their nationals, resident within the area, to leave immediately for Peking and Tientsin, so that proper protection may be extended to them. Canton News Agency.

STOP PRESS

London, To-day.

Those who know something of India view events with grave concern. Nothing like it has ever existed before. Sedition, lawbreaking, murder, and outrage are rampant, and the instigators are allowed to stomp about the country preaching their mischievous doctrines. Unless the Government anarchy and bloodshed are bound to ensue. We would be the laughing stock of the world. Only a firm hand will restore the country to peace and prosperity, states Lord Inchcape in a letter to the Daily Mail.—Reuter.

A CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

Sub-Inspector Chester-Woods at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning obtained permission of Mr. Whyte-Smith to withdraw charges of kidnapping and harbouring a Chinese girl (8), the daughter of a junk master, brought against a Chinese woman last week.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, jun., appeared for the defendant, and contended that the prosecution should be withdrawn on grounds of insufficient evidence.

His Worship granted the application.

THE STEALING HABIT.

A Chinese lad was at the Kowloon Police Court to-day sent to jail for six weeks for the theft of a piece of copper from the Kwong-Tak Cheung shipyard.

RE-ACTION IN INDIA

FIGHT TO BE CARRIED ON BY VOLUNTEERS.

TENSE FEELING

NEW LEADERS' PLEA FOR NON-VIOLENCE.

Bombay, Yesterday.

Gandhi's mantle has fallen on Abbas Lyabji, whom the Mahatma chose to lead the volunteers.

A monster meeting was held in Bombay, attended by 100,000 people, who were addressed by the leaders, including the poetess, Mrs. Maudslayi. They urge their audience to remain non-violent and carry out the fight undeterred. A tense atmosphere prevails at Karachi, and the thoroughfares are guarded by Indian and British troops and police. Pickets in Calcutta stopped football and hockey matches.

London, Yesterday.

Captain Wedgwood Benn, in the House of Commons, when asked whether Gandhi would be charged and tried, replied that Gandhi would be detained under regulation 25 of the 1927 Act. He added that it was the Government's policy to invite a conference of Indian leaders, in spite of everything that had happened.—Reuter.

Riots in Peshawar.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, Captain Wedgwood Benn, Secretary for India, confirmed the arrest of Gandhi. He said he was informed that at Peshawar, where conditions had been difficult since the riots of April 23, the authorities were in complete control of the situation. The Peshawar District had been declared a proclaimed area under the Seditious Meeting Act.

Asked whether the disaffection of certain Indian troops at Peshawar last week was an isolated action, Captain Benn answered that there had been no sign of any similar conflicts elsewhere, and the regiment withdrawn had been replaced by a Gurkha Regiment.

Replying to a further question, he said that on April 1 the strength of the British forces in India was approximately 59,700, and the establishment was 55,915.—British Wireless Service.

PARKING PROBLEM.

No Sign Up in Duddell Street.

EUROPEAN FINED.

Traffic Sergeant McInnes to-day summoned Mr. D. E. Sherman, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., before Mr. R. E. Lindell, for parking his motor car on the east side of Duddell Street, against the scaffolding around the site of the new building of the National City Bank of New York.

In admitting the charge, Mr. Sherman said: "I'm sorry, but I thought it was all right."

The Sergeant said that parking was permitted only on the west side of the street. Abreast of defendant's car, on the proper side of the street, was another car and the two effectively blocked access of other cars into the street.

Mr. Sherman: I parked as close to the side as possible.
Mr. Lindell: Is there no notice that parking is allowed on the west side of the street only?

Traffic Inspector Alexander: No, your Worship.

Sensible Suggestion.
Mr. Lindell: I think it will simplify matters if such a notice is put up.

To Mr. Sherman, Mr. Lindell said that he had not only parked on the wrong side of the road but abreast of another car on the proper side and thus obstructed the entrance to the street.

Mr. Sherman: The other car was not there when I parked mine.

Sergeant McInnes said that he went down as the result of receiving several complaints by telephone from other car owners who could not get their cars into the street.

His Worship imposed a fine of

FATE OF MACAO.

Chinese Plans for Its Retrocession.

"BREACH OF TREATY."

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has received a despatch from the Secretariat of the Central Executive Committee, instructing it to make the necessary preparations for the retrocession of Kwang-chowan and Macao from the French and Portuguese Governments, respectively.—Canton News Agency.

Although Macao is de facto a colonial possession of Portugal, the Chinese Government persistently refused to recognise the claim of the Portuguese to territorial rights, alleging that they were merely lessees or tenants at will, and until 1849 the Portuguese paid to the Chinese an annual rent of \$71 per annum. This diplomatic difficulty prevented the conclusion of a commercial treaty between Portugal and China for a long time, but an arrangement for a treaty was arrived at in 1887 on the following basis:

(1) China confirmed perpetual occupation and government of Macao and its dependencies by Portugal; (2) Portugal engaged never to alienate Macao and its dependencies without the consent of China; (3) Portugal engaged to co-operate in opium revenue work at Macao in the same way as Great Britain at Hong Kong. The formal treaty was signed in the same year, and arrangements were made whereby the Chinese imperial customs were able to collect duties on vessels trading with Macao in the same way as they had already arranged for their collection at the British colony of Hong Kong. For a short time in 1892, and again in 1898, Macao was occupied by the British as a precaution against seizure by the French.

KING GEORGE.

Reuter cables that the Home newspapers record the twentieth



anniversary of King George's accession. There are no special celebrations apart from the usual salutes of 21 guns at Hyde Park and Windsor Castle. His Majesty returned to London yesterday, but the Court will remain at Buckingham Palace for five weeks.

BRITAIN AND SOVIET.

Settlement of Debts and Claims Question.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons that agreement had now been reached with the Soviet Government for the establishment of a joint committee of experts and a number of sub-committees to examine the basis of settlement of the question of debts and claims.—British Wireless Service.

The Pope has given greater authority to the Pontifical commission founded to prepare the ground for the resumption of the activities of the Roman Catholic Church in Russia.

MYSTERIOUS TEETH IN COURT.

ORANGE IN DEAD MAN'S MOUTH.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.

Great interest is being centred in the two teeth produced in Court in connection with the trial of three Chinese who are alleged to have murdered a Buddhist priest on February 15, at No. 3 Sha Po Road, Kowloon City. The man was found suffocated after the prisoners had left his premises on the day in question, and the two teeth were found by the Police under a chair. One coincidence was that when the victim was examined it was found that there was a gap in his lower jaw, and that some teeth were missing. The Police theory is that the teeth found were knocked out prior to the man being gagged.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who is conducting the defence, placed the whole case under a shroud of mystery this morning when he suggested to Sub-Inspector Elston that the case would become most interesting if it were shown that the teeth found on the premises did not belong to the victim nor yet to any of the three prisoners. The trial was resumed at the Criminal Sessions before Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C. The case for the prosecution is being conducted by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General.

Bit His Hand.

The first witness called this morning was Chan Pui, a Chinese Lance-Sergeant, who said that he helped to arrest the first prisoner on February 17.

The following day, he went out in company with the first prisoner and arrested the No. 2 man, who was sitting on the step of the Mongkok Cinema. The man resisted arrest and bit his hand. He had to enlist the assistance of his foki, and they eventually succeeded in tying up the second prisoner with a piece of wire.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that he got the wire from a garage which was opposite the Cinema.

Mr. Jenkin: So you and your foki had to drive the second prisoner to the garage in order that he might be tied up?—Yes.

Are you attached to the Kowloon City Police Station?—No. I am attached to the Yau-mat Police Station.

Were you at the Kowloon City Police Station when the girl came to report the murder?—No. I went there in response to a telephonic message.

Was the girl there when you arrived?—No.

When did you first see her?—At the Magistracy.

Were you daily at the Kowloon City Police Station during the time the case was being heard at the Magistracy?—No, only when I was sent there by the Inspector, or when I was accompanied by the Inspector.

Were you at the Kowloon City Police Station on February 18 at 6 p.m.?—I was at Hung Hom.

That was the time when the identification parade was being held?—Yes.

Who sent you out?—Inspector Fallon.

What instructions did Inspector Fallon give you?—No instructions at all. He just said that I should clear out of the Station.

Discovery of the Body.

Sub-Inspr. Elston said that he saw the girl coming out of the Police Station with a towel and a piece of wire in her hand. Inside the towel was a piece of stone. He went to No. 3 Sha Po Road with the girl. They went to the second floor where he discovered the body of the priest on the floor. The man was gagged and his hands tied in front of him. Witness felt his pulse and then removed the gag, when he found an orange inside the man's mouth. He removed the orange. He also found two teeth under a chair.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said that Inspector Fallon took charge of the investigation, and that he took no part in it.

Mr. Jenkin: This case is interesting, is it not?—Yes.

And not the least interesting would be the two teeth?—Yes.

If these two teeth do not belong to the dead man, nor to the girl or either of the three prisoners, the case would become more interesting, would it not?—Yes.

First Record of It.

But to-day is the first record we

RAN INTO SEA.

Lad With a Liking for Toads.

CHASE BY A CONSTABLE.

Brought before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of "being unlawfully found in an enclosed premises, the Kwong-Tak Cheung ship yard, with intent to commit a felony," a Chinese lad was subsequently discharged, his Worship intimating that the ground of intent to commit a felony was insufficiently proved.

P. C. Farrell, of Hung Hom Station, prosecuted and said that at 7 o'clock last night the defendant was seen to climb a wall of the shipyard, which at the present time is in liquidation. An Indian constable, who saw the lad, followed him over the wall, and chased him. The terrified boy hid behind a rock, but when he was discovered he bolted toward the beach, and ran into the sea. He was eventually caught by the constable. Who waded into the water.

Properly in the Yard.
Questioned by his Worship, the Police officer replied that the yard was under the guard of only one watchman, and therefore anyone could do what they pleased in its precincts. The yard contained much metal and parts of machinery.

The defendant said that he went there to catch toads, which he was afterwards going to sell.

His Worship inquired if that were possible or not, and P. C. Farrell replied that there were many toads in To Kwa Wan, and quite possibly some in the shipyard among the neglected iron ware.

His Worship said that he thought he would have to discharge the boy, on the ground that there was insufficient felonious intent proved. He said that he was not sure whether the climbing over a wall would be felony, or it might just be a simple larceny, at seven o'clock at night.

The defendant, although he had previous convictions, was accordingly discharged.

RAIN PROBABLE.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anticyclone has increased slightly in intensity.

The depression is situated to the North-West of Tokyo.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy generally; probably some rain.

Rainfall

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 18.34 inches against an average of 13.10 inches.

Temperature and Humidity

The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:—

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	76	95
Macao	76	88
Pratas Island	79	89
Manila	73	82
Amoy	72	95
Swatow	73	95
Chefoo	64	97
Shanghai	58	90

have that some teeth were missing in the old man's lower jaw?—Yes.

How many?—I could not say.

All I know is that there is a gap in the lower jaw and probably two or three teeth missing from the gap.

Were the gums bleeding?—Yes.

Don't you think that this is a very important piece of evidence to have been omitted?—Yes.

Do you know that Dr. Dovey who examined the body said that there was only one tooth missing from the old man's mouth?

That tooth was a molar tooth?

His Lordship: I do not think that was exactly what Dr. Dovey said.

That part of the evidence was then read out after which Mr. Jenkin went on to explain for the benefit of the witness as to what was a molar, canine, and incisor tooth, and that Dr. Valentine had testified that the teeth in Court were incisors and not molars.

Tracing the Blood Stains.

Inspector Fallon said that when he went to the house, he took

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WEI HAI WEI RENDITION

LOCAL GARRISON TO VISIT RESORT?

HOME QUESTIONS

HOLIDAY EXERCISES OF BRITISH FLEET.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, questioned about the rendition of Wei-hai-wei, Mr. Arthur Henderson said that the text of the agreement would be laid before the House when the authentic copies were received from His Majesty's Minister at Peking.

Sir Kingsley-Wood asked whether the British warships would be able to visit the harbour as heretofore during the summer months. Mr. Henderson said that he believed so, but asked Sir Kingsley-Wood to put the question down.

Lt.-Col. Sir Assheton Pownall (Lewisham) asked whether the members of the garrison at Hong Kong would be able to use Wei-hai-wei as in the past. Mr. Henderson said that he must have notice. Mr. Henderson said that the text of the draft agreement of the Boxer Indemnity was under consideration. He was not yet able to say whether legislation thereon would be introduced this session.—Reuter.

The Terms in Full.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The terms are issued of the convention recently signed by Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister in China, and Dr. C. T. Wang, the Chinese Foreign Minister, for the restoration of full sovereignty to China of the territory of Wei-hai-wei, leased to His Britannic Majesty under the convention of July 1, 1898.

The convention provides that the British garrisons stationed within the territory shall be withdrawn within one month of its entry into force, which shall take place on its ratification on October 1, 1930. The transfer of Administration and of public properties shall take place on the same day and the existing administrative regulations will, as far as possible, be maintained. All title deeds issued to Chinese owners by the British Administration of Wei-hai-wei shall be recognised as having the same validity as during the British Administration. All title deeds issued to persons other than Chinese shall be changed for Chinese deeds of perpetual lease and all leases issued by the British Administration will be recognised.

Chinese Naval Base.

Should the Chinese Government decide to close the port of Wei-hai-wei to foreign residents and trade with a view to utilising it exclusively as a naval base, the interests of foreign property owners and leaseholders will be bought out at a fair compensation, to be agreed upon between the Government of China and the United Kingdom, who will appoint a joint commission for determining the amount of this compensation in each case. Unless the National Government of China decide to close the port with this object they will maintain it as an area of international residence and trade and will lease to the British Government for 80 years, with the option of renewal, certain lands and buildings for the requirements of the British Consulate and the public interests of the residents.

All decisions in British Courts pronounced before this condition shall be considered to have the force of those pronounced by the Chinese Courts. Pending the general application of the system of local self-government in China, the Chinese local authorities will ascertain the views of foreign residents at Wei-hai-wei in such municipal matters as may directly affect their welfare and interests.

The two plenipotentiaries also signed an agreement by which the Chinese Government will loan to the British Government free of charge as a sanatorium and Summer resort for the use of the British Navy certain buildings and facilities on Liukungtao Island, in Wei-hai-wei Bay, for 10 years, with the option of renewal.—British Wireless Service.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 28th April, to WEDNESDAY, 7th May, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1930.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 16th May, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 16th May, 1930, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.
Hong Kong, 25th April, 1930.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 30th MAY, 1930, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1929, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 12th MAY to 30th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.
Hong Kong, 5th May, 1930.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 30th MAY, 1930, at 11.15 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1929, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12th MAY to 30th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.
Hong Kong, 5th May, 1930.

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By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.
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W. SCHOFIELD, Assistant Superintendent, Imports & Exports.
Hong Kong, 3rd May, 1930.

GENERAL NOTICES

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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The Shanghai Mutual Telephone Company has issued to its shareholders a statement concerning the negotiations which have been proceeding for some considerable time. The statement deals at considerable length with the history of the introduction of the automatic system into Shanghai, and an outline of the argument in support of the Rotary system which the company decided to install in 1924, and a statement of reasons why the adoption of any other system would prove inconvenient.

Reference is made to the appointment of an expert to investigate the company's methods on behalf of the Municipal Council, pointing out that while the company was criticised to a certain extent, a recommendation was made supporting the company's policy.

Expert From London. After reviewing the history of the systems, and recounting the delay experienced, the statement continues:—

The suggestion was made that an expert from the British Post Office in London should visit Shanghai and report.

Whilst the Company did not object to this procedure, it considered that no useful purpose would be served thereby, since in its opinion an expert's report, if obtained, could only support the policy of the Company, in that the Company was irrevocably committed to the Rotary System, on which it has built up its engineering programme, and in the study of which it had trained its staff.

Further negotiations followed, resulting in the Company agreeing that the Council should obtain an expert from the British Post Office in London to advise the Council generally on the telephone system in Shanghai, on the understanding that the Company should not be called upon to meet the expenditure thus involved. The expert sent by the British Post Office was Mr. B. O. Anson, who arrived in Shanghai on October 18, 1929, and duly issued his report, which was dated November 20.

Criticism But Supported.

Mr. Anson's report, whilst criticising the Company to a certain extent for what had occurred in the past, made a recommendation supporting the policy of the Company and emphasising that there was no reason whatever why the Rotary System, which had been adopted, should in any way be discarded. The Company's expectation that any expert report must approve the Rotary System was accordingly amply confirmed.

The expert's recommendations for the solving of the telephone problems in Shanghai were to the following effect:—

1. That the Rotary System as installed in Shanghai was found satisfactory and there were no grounds to be found for its supersession.
2. That the mixing of systems was certain to produce bad service and could not be recommended.
3. That every step that could be taken towards unification and standardisation in the Company's plant should be made effective.
4. That the final remedy was the complete conversion to automatic working.
5. That in the expert's opinion the heavy financing could be deferred no longer, and definite steps to provide funds should at once be taken.
6. That the telephone rates were low, and an increase in rates was necessary.
7. That the expert had been very impressed with the calibre of the staff, and with proper organisation there need be no apprehension as regards the future; further, that a very satisfactory and up-to-date staff organisation had recently been introduced in the Company and there was every prospect of benefit being derived therefrom.

That a vigorous policy of conversion to full automatic working should be adopted, and that the entire system should be completed within two years.

From these recommendations it will be seen that all the steps that the Company had taken (under independent expert advice) for the installation of an automatic system in Shanghai were endorsed and confirmed by the expert selected by the Council for the purposes of investigation.

Expensive Delays.

In conclusion the Directors consider that it should be stated, in fairness to the Company and its Staff, that the protracted negotiations which have taken place, and the hesitancy (though not on the part of the Company) which has been exhibited in regard to the system of automatic telephone to be established, have very materially affected the Company's programme of development.

Important orders for apparatus have been held up and, in view of the rapidly growing demands of the Shanghai public, it is apprehended with certainty that, at the least, grave inconvenience will be experienced in the future by reason of this delay.—N.C.D. News.

CHINESE CUSTOMS.

Chinese Commissioners Appointed.

POLICY APPROVED.

Nanking, April 15. Three senior Chinese members of the Maritime Customs Service have recently been promoted to the rank of Commissioner. Mr. Ho Chi-hui becomes Commissioner at Hangchow; Mr. Ong Shou-sheng, Commissioner at Yangchow; and Mr. Ting Kwei-tang, Chief Chinese Secretary at the Inspectorate-General, is also given the rank of Commissioner.

With these promotions, there are now four full Chinese commissioners in the Service including Mr. Chow Chi-heng, Commissioner at Chungking. Satisfaction is expressed in Chinese circles with the policy of the Inspector-General who, it is acknowledged, is doing everything possible gradually to improve the welfare of the service and to elevate the position of qualified Chinese members of the staff.

It is also learned that the Ministry of Finance has decided to turn over a number of Chinese inland Customs houses to be administered by the Maritime Customs. So far, four inland Customs barriers have thus been transferred, the Yangyuan Kwan, Fengyang Kwan, and the native Customs at Wenchow and Wuhu. The change is reported to be proving satisfactory as revenue receipts have more than doubled during the short period of trial.—Kuo Min.

DOUBLE MURDER.

Amazing Confession of Indignant Husband.

A HUMAN HEAD.

Peking, April 17. The police station at Wu Li Tien Chun outside Kwangnan received an unusual visitor early Wednesday morning. No sooner was the stranger admitted to the presence of the officer in charge, than he opened a cloth bag and out came a human head. The man gave his name as Chiang Yu-ven and his occupation as a restaurant keeper in the Fengtai railway station. He said he had long suspected the fidelity of his wife, and that early that morning when he returned home from Fengtien, he found a man, named Fan Tai, in her room. In a fit of indignation he slew the couple and hacked the head of the man. He admitted his guilt and said he would receive whatever punishment the court might mete out to him.

The officer later visited the scene of the double murder with Chiang and after a brief examination took him into custody. An inquest was held by the local Court this morning, when a neighbour testified—Kuo Wen.

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JUDICIAL SCANDAL.

Changlu Salt Merchants' Case.

ARRESTED 20 MONTHS AGO.

Nanking, April 22. In the regular conference of the Administrative Council to-day an order was issued to the judicial authorities ordering them to cancel the bail offered for the release of the five Salt-merchants of Changlu (Tientsin), and to have them arrested again pending a thorough investigation and trial. The five Salt-Monopolists were arrested some twenty months ago and brought to Nanking for investigation on the charge of irregularities in connection with the levy of a surtax on salt in connection with the "National Salvation Fund" during the last decade of the reign of Emperor Kuangshu.

The authorities have so far failed to produce any evidence to substantiate the charge on account of the remoteness of time, while archives relating to this matter are unobtainable after the repeated political changes during the last decade. Finally the five salt merchants were allowed to be released on bail two months ago on the plea of illness and age.

The Hopei Provincial Guild in Nanking, who offered bail on their behalf, however reported to the Government last week to the effect that since the arrival of Lin Tain-chen, former Manager of the Changlu Salt Monopoly, in Nanking the five salt merchants had been plotting secretly and engaging in reactionary scheming. As Lin Tain-chen was a notorious reactionary agent for whose arrest a warrant had been issued by the authorities, the Hopei Provincial Guild requested that they be allowed to withdraw the bail. To-day's decision in the Administrative Council was reached in compliance with the above demand.—A.N.A.

POLICE RESERVE

Orders for the Current Week

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, state:—

Revolver Practice.—The regular weekly revolver practice (voluntary) will take place at the Bowen Road Revolver Range to-morrow, from 9 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. It will be open to all ranks of the H.K.P. Special Constables, and all persons holding permits to carry arms and also to the Chinese Company, Police Reserve.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held to-day, at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad who have not yet passed Part 2 of Training Course are requested to attend.

Chinese Company.

Revolver Practice.—Members of the Chinese Company, who have passed Parts 1 and 2 of Training Course, will attend at the Bowen Road Revolver Range to-morrow evening, at 9 o'clock sharp for revolver practice under Musketry Instructor E. Carpenter.

Indian Company.

All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at Police Headquarters under P/Sergeant R. J. Hunt to-day at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—White Uniform, belt and cap with white cover.

Flying Squad.

Members of the Hong Kong Section detailed for special duty on May 8 are requested to parade at Police Headquarters with their machines at 8.45 a.m.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-day. Fall in at the Tsim-tai-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki uniform and cap with khaki cover. There will be no instructional patrol for the Hong Kong Section on Friday.

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GUN SMUGGLING.

Gang Traced by F.M.S. Police.

The Daily Express of Kuala Lumpur understands that the F.M.S. Police are investigating into the activities of what is thought to be a big organisation for the smuggling of arms into Malaya.

In recent months the Police have been seizing revolvers and pistols of continental make which have been found in the possession of gang robbers and Chinese gunmen.

The seizures have been so numerous that the entry into Malaya of these unlicensed firearms cannot be due to any casual lapse on the part of Customs authorities of ships' crews.

MURDERED ITALIAN PRIESTS.

MINISTER'S TRIP TO CANTON.

COMPENSATION DEMANDED.

A correspondent, writing to the North China Daily News, says that the recent visit of Signor Vane, the Italian Minister to demand compensation for the murder of Bishop Versiglia and Father Caravario occasioned something of a sensation in Canton.

When Signor Vane telegraphed that he was coming up to the Kuangtung capital on an Italian gunboat, the Sebastian Caboto, accompanied by his daughter, Governor Chen Ming-shu got ready to give the Minister a royal welcome.

A suite of rooms was reserved at the New Asia Hotel, a car placed at the visitor's disposal, and a programme of receptions and banquets was tentatively made up.

Asked by radio whether the visit was to be taken as an official one or not, the answer came that it was left to the Kuangtung authorities to decide what form the reception should take, but in Italy it was the custom to salute a Minister with 17 guns. Unquestionably it was to be inferred, then, that this was an official call. Forts and ships of war were given their orders: colours were to be dipped and the proper salute given the Italian Minister, and the programme was made more elaborate than ever. The banquet hall at the Provincial Government House was made ready, and cards of invitation sent out. A number of the invited were to be ladies, wives of Kuangtung officials, to act as hostesses since the Minister's daughter would grace the festive board.

Bolt from the Blue! Unexpectedly on Friday, April 11, the Sebastian Cabot dropped anchor off Shamcen, and the Governor's aide went aboard to welcome the distinguished visitor on behalf of General Chen Ming-shu. The Minister, it was for the first time disclosed, objected to Miss Vane taking part in any official reception. So there was nothing left to do but cancel the invitations that had been sent to all the ladies.

Without waiting for ceremony, shortly thereafter the Minister arrived at the Provincial Government House, and demanded to see General Chen at once. He had most important business to discuss with the Governor, and it could not wait. Having over-exerted himself horse-back riding, General Chen had had to take to his bed. "You say I cannot see the Governor? Well, then, gentleman, I bid you good day." I will not be at your luncheon," and turning on his heel the Minister marched out of the building.

\$100,000 Indemnity Asked. Rather than have a further scene, a secretary followed the retreating figure, and persuaded Signor Vane to call upon Governor Chen Ming-shu at his residence. Sick as he was, with a temperature of 104, the head of the Provincial Government came downstairs to receive the Minister.

The Italian Government demands \$100,000 indemnity for the murder by bandits of the Italian Archbishop of Shuechow, Mgr. Versiglia and Father Caravario. And the local Government was called to task for having let the bandits commit so dastardly a crime.

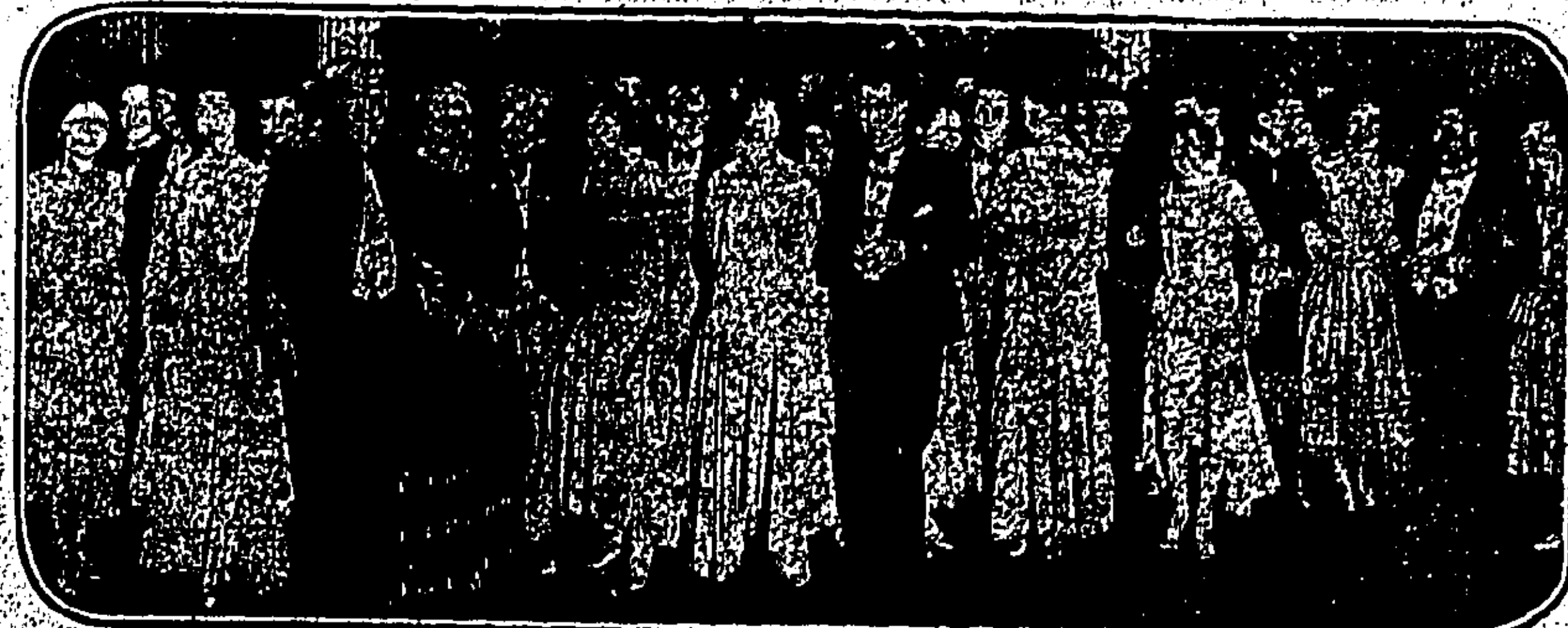
The Diplomatic Answer.

What is right shall be done, explained the Governor, and when the National Government makes known what form the settlement of this unfortunate incident shall take, no matter whether it directs that Kuangtung shall pay \$100,000 or any other sum, the Provincial Government will certainly comply with the request without loss of time. But this is a diplomatic question, and it is not within the province of the Kuangtung Governor to deal with it. It is a matter that must be handled directly by the Foreign Ministry at Nanking.

A Confession.

As to the other point, that of the Kuangtung Government's responsibility for bandits running at large in the district where the two Italian missionaries were murdered, General Chen confessed that banditry is rife in the south country at present. The troops are nearly all away fighting in Kuangsi, and it is impossible to keep conditions normal while they are absent. Yet, had the missionaries asked for protection, they would have been given it. They erred in not informing the authorities before making a trip away from their compound with a party of nuns, so that they were largely to blame for what happened.

Once he had seen the head of the Provincial Government, the Minister became more tranquil and had subsequently tea with his host, attending with an officer from the Sebastian Caboto.



Annual ball of the American Troop, S.V.O., was held at the headquarters of the American Women's Club, Shanghai, and proved to be a great success. Captain H. D. Rodger, Officer Commanding the American Troop, was in charge of the evening's festivities. A large number of guests were present. Musical inspiration was furnished by the 4th Regiment Orchestra of the U.S. Marine Corps.—(Ah'Fong).



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HIMALAYA MARU	Sunday, 18th May.
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FERRY THEFTS.

Brass Plate Thrown into Harbour.

FREQUENT LOSSES.

When Lo Sau, unemployed, was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day with the theft of a brass plate from the ferry launch Sun Ming of the Hong Kong and Yumati Ferry Co., it has intimated by Sub-Inspector Chester-Woods that the company had lost 36 brass plates and two brass locks within the past few months.

The accused, who pleaded guilty, has alleged to have thrown the plate (indicating "First Class Saloon") into the harbour when arrested. He was also said to be a former seaman in the company. Accused was fined \$25 or three weeks' hard labour.

THE "MASKEE."

Fourth Member Joins The Party.

It is understood that the fourth member of the crew of the junk Maskee, which is now expected to resume her round-the-world attempt on Thursday next, will be Mr. D. Matton, lately wireless operator on the Blue Funnel s.s. Tyndareus. The Maskee will carry a four-watt receiver set. She is at present at Ah King's wharf at Causeway Bay, where the final touches are being given to the preparations for the next "leg" of the journey.

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24 New Vessels in Near Future.

Nanking, April 15. A scheme for the building of 24 new vessels for the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company in the near future has been formulated by Mr. Chao Tih-chiao, Director-General of the Company. The project is now under careful examination by the Navigation Department of the Ministry of Communications before being forwarded to the State Council for final sanction.

Of the proposed new vessels, 10 will be river boats to ply along the Yangtze River and 10 coastal steamers. The remaining four will be 5,000-ton steamers to be placed on service between the Malay Archipelago and China. The necessary funds for the construction of the ships are to be raised by means of a public loan of \$20,000,000, half of which will go towards liquidating outstanding debts of the Company.—Kuo Min.

FIUME A FREE PORT.

Future of the Adriatic Ports.

Rome, March 19. By a Government decree just issued on the sixth anniversary of the annexation of Fiume to Italy, the city and port of Fiume and the Communes of Abbazia, Volosca, and Laurana, now constitute the "free zone of the Carnaro." This implies exemption from all customs, dues on imports and exports, and on all manufactures, with the exception of gas and electric light. Articles of State monopoly, such as tobacco and matches, are also excluded from the benefits of the free port, while the introduction of arms, explosives, and drugs is strictly forbidden.

This decree, which has been received with enthusiasm at Fiume, is expected eventually to have a beneficial effect on trade and commerce within the zone in question, and to favour the creation of manufacturing centres, while it will have the immediate effect of greatly reducing the cost of living for the 60,000 inhabitants of the district, and of bringing back tourist traffic to the once fashionable seaside resort of Abbazia. By annexation to Italy, Fiume lost her important pre-war position of chief outlet for Hungarian trade, and the cession to Yugoslavia of the suburb and port of Sushak did not make things easier. Now, says the "Podesta" of the city, "thanks to the action of the Italian Government, a new era is about to dawn for Fiume."

It is considered that this proclamation of Fiume as a free port is possibly but a first step towards a general examination of the whole problem of the maritime traffic of the Upper Adriatic, as it affects the three Italian ports of Venice, Fiume, and Trieste.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—

In Basin of R.N. Dockyard:
Tamar, Somme, Seamev.
North Arm: Sirdar, Stormcloud, Thracian.
West Wall: Bruce.
In Dock: Hermes.
Foreign men-o-war in port were:—
U.S. gunboat Helena.
French Gunboat Argus.
Portuguese Cruiser Adamastor.

BAN ON GERMAN CAPTAIN.

Recently the captain of the Hamburg-South American steamer Cape Arcona was barred, by an order of the Brazilian Government, from commanding any ship in Brazilian waters on account of his alleged responsibility for the landing of two unauthorized persons from the vessel. The order has now been rescinded by the Minister of Justice.

LONE VOYAGER.

To Start His Travels Again in New Craft.

Paris, Mar. 27. With the approaching completion of the second Fire Crest, the new cutter which is being built for Alain Gerbault to replace the much-battered craft in which he sailed "alone" round the world, curiosity is growing in his owner's next object. Gerbault is expected to leave France again in September, but though it is no secret that he is returning to the Pacific, his exact destination is not revealed.

Fire Crest II, which is being built by a French constructor at Sartroville, on the Seine, near Paris, has a roomier body than its predecessor and will possess a degree of comfort which the author of "Alone" across the Atlantic and "In Pursuit of the Sun" was far from enjoying on his former voyages.

PACIFIC - EUROPEAN SERVICE.

NEW TURBO-ELECTRIC SHIPS MAY BE BUILT.

PROJECT CONSIDERED

Plans are being considered by the International Mercantile Marine Co. for the establishment of a North Pacific-Europe service, states Mr. P. A. S. Franklin, president of the company. The proposed service will be operated with vessels having a large amount of refrigerator space for the transportation of fruits and other perishables from the North Pacific area to London, Antwerp and one French port. Bananas also will be carried from Central America.

The Atlantic Transport liner Minnekahda, now operated in the New York-London passenger and cargo service, will probably be one of the vessels diverted to this service after necessary reconditioning, which would include the installation of oil burning equipment and refrigerator space. New tonnage would be added as soon as possible. The new vessels, Mr. Franklin indicated, would be of the same type as the California, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Referring to a report from the Pacific Coast that the company was planning to establish a weekly sailing service for the Panama Pacific Line by placing contracts for three additional vessels, which would be 665 feet long, or 52 feet longer than the Virginia and Pennsylvania and 64 feet longer than the California, Mr. Franklin said the new vessels when built will be the same type as the three turbo-electric liners now in service between New York and California.

Refrigerated Space. "These ships have proved thoroughly satisfactory," he said. "We have no intention of making any radical changes in the plans. Such vessels would be suitable for our proposed North Pacific-Europe service. Each has about 100,000 cubic feet of refrigerated space, so that they are well fitted for carrying fruit across the ocean. They are readily adaptable for Trans-Atlantic service. Their speed would enable them to meet the competition of the new foreign flag ships in this trade and their passenger accommodation would be ideal."

Vessels of this type with a speed of 18 knots would be able to make the 3,838-miles run between Seattle and London in a little over 20 days. Their passenger accommodation for operation in the New York-California run is considerably in excess of the needs of the North Pacific-Europe service, so it is likely that part of this space might be devoted to cargo. They have a gross register in excess of 21,000 tons.

The Dollar and Dawson interests have lately indicated a keen interest in the North Pacific-Europe trade. Mr. Kenneth Dawson is reported to have been seeking to interest the Shipping Board in the allocation of tonnage for such a service. The Dollar Line has been reported planning to divert some of its vessels from the around-the-world service to the North Pacific-Europe route in the event of pending negotiations with the American-Hawaiian Line reaching a satisfactory conclusion.



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CANADIAN TOURIST
TRADE.OFFICIAL STATISTICS FOR
1929.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa has forwarded to the
Acting High Commissioner for Canada in London its annual
estimate of the value of the tourist traffic in Canada, giving figures
for the calendar year 1929.

According to this report there has been an increase in tourists
arriving through ocean ports, particularly in the case of third-
class passengers, the number of whom rose from 4,027 in 1928 to
4,707 last year. Saloon and cabin-
class passengers declined from
3,002 and 6,103 to 2,850 and
5,906 respectively. The expenditure
of tourists coming into
Canada through ocean ports is
estimated at \$10,685,000 an in-
crease during the year of \$89,000.

The large number of tourist
entering Canada comes, of course,
by motorcar or railway from the
United States. Motorcars from
the United States entering for
touring purposes in 1929 numbered
4,508,809, as compared with
3,645,465 in 1928. Of the num-
ber entering in 1929, 3,416,588
came for one day or less, 1,091,014
for between 2 and 60 days,
and 1,207 were intended for a stay
of between 61 days and 6 months.
The expenditure of motor-car
tourists in Canada is estimated
to have increased during the year
by \$26,000,000 to a new total of
\$208,744,000. The expenditure
by tourists arriving in Canada by
rail or steamer is expected, when
the returns are complete, to show
an increase of from \$5,000,000 to
\$8,000,000 to a new total of about
\$0,000,000. Thus the total value
of the tourist business to Canada
in 1929 may be estimated at
around \$300,000,000 as compared
with \$83,000,000 in 1922.

Expenditure by Canadian tour-
ists abroad is estimated to have
reached \$111,000,000, an increase
of about 10,000,000 as compared
with 1928, and of about \$65,000,-
000 as compared with 1922.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The s.s. "Albion Star" (Doddwell
& Co., Ltd.), is due to arrive here
on May 8.

The P. & O. s.s. Khiva left Singa-
pore for this port on May 4, at
10 a.m. with the outward English
Mails, and is due here on May 9,
at about 9 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. Lahore left Singa-
pore for this port on May 3, at 5
p.m. and is due here on May 9
at about 7 a.m.

The B. I. & Apcar s.s. Takliwa will
leave Amoy for this port to-day
and is due here to-morrow.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia, ar-
rived at Nagasaki on May 4, 5 p.m.,
left Nagasaki yesterday 5 a.m., was
due at Kobe to-day 5 a.m., and
leaves Kobe to-day 4 p.m.

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada,
arrived at Kobe on May 3, at 10.30
a.m., left Kobe on May 3, at 5 p.m.,
was due at Shanghai yesterday at
5 p.m., and left Shanghai to-day
at 2 p.m.

NAVY WILLS ACT.

The text has been issued of the
Navy and Marines (Wills) Bill,
the main object of which is to get
rid of certain provisions contain-
ed in Sections three, four, and
five of the Navy and Marines
(Wills) Act, 1865, which requires
seamen and marines to make
their wills in a particular form
and manner.

"In the present circumstances,"
states an explanatory memoran-
dum, "the safeguards afforded by
these provisions are no longer re-
quired; in several cases their
effect has been to defeat the testa-
tor's considered intention, and
their retention on the Statute
Book is undesirable."

The Bills is presented by Mr.
C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary
Secretary to the Admiralty, and
supported by Mr. George Hall,
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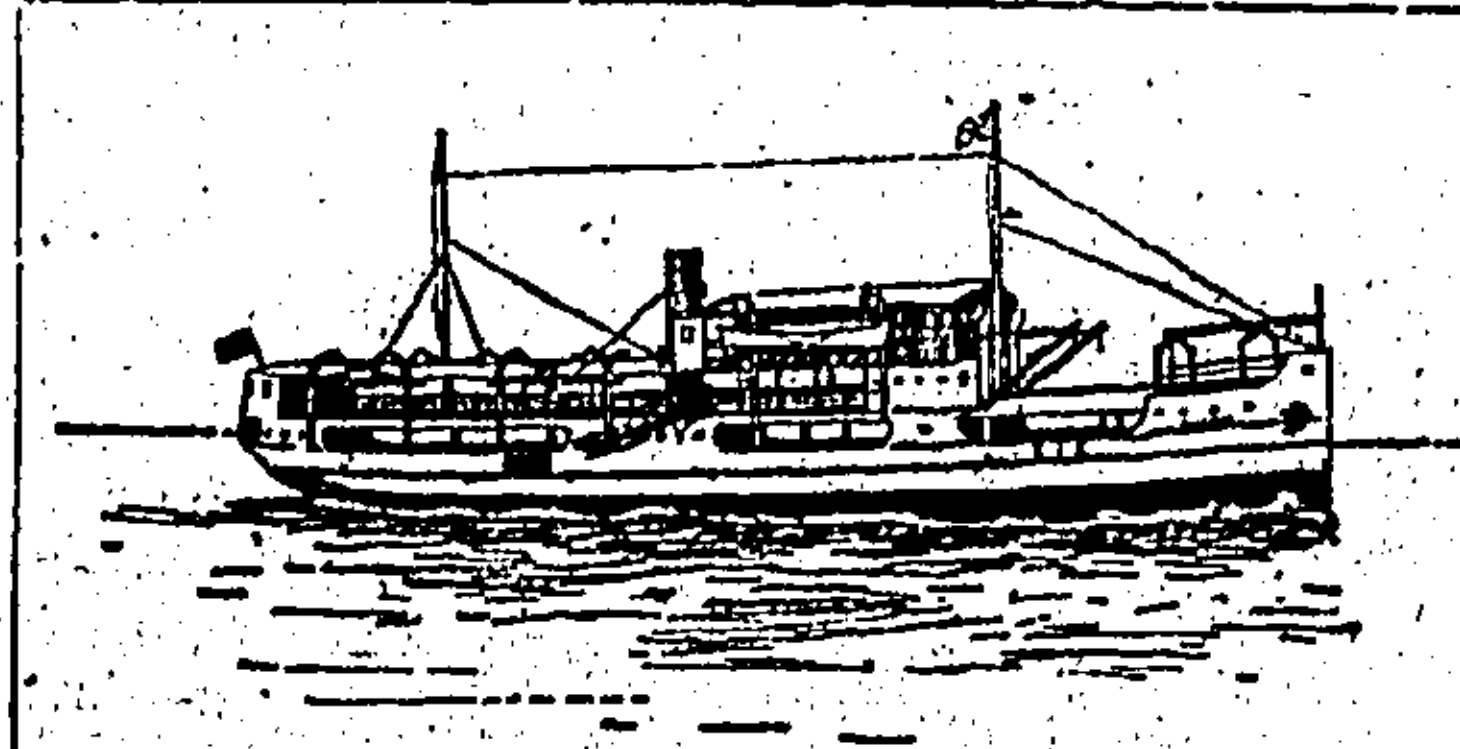
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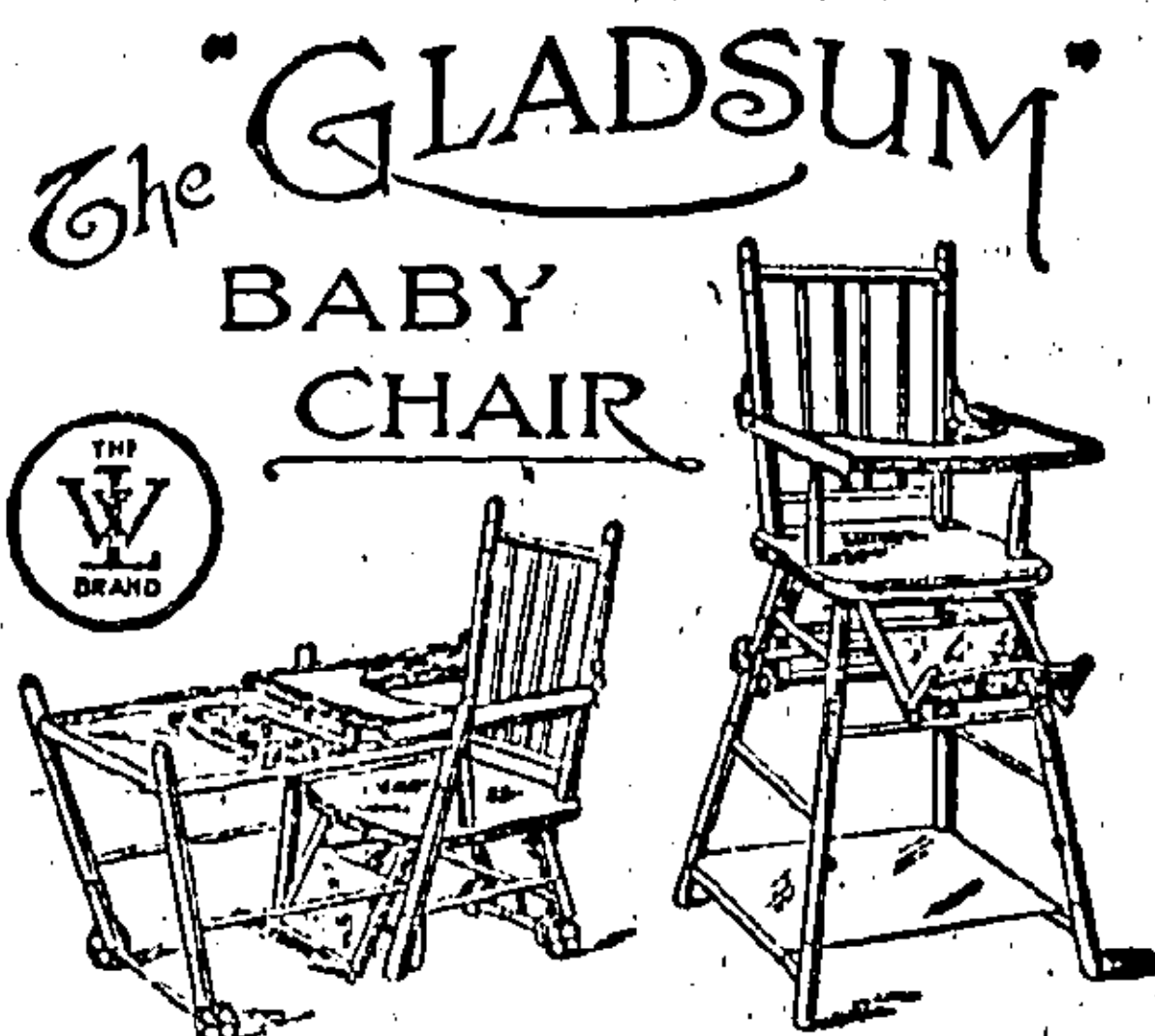
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WEI-HAI-WEI.

At last the agreement between Great Britain and China (or, rather, the Nanking Government) has been signed and in October this year rendition shall be accomplished. There has been considerable impatience on the part of a section of the Chinese Press at the delay in reaching an agreement. Thus the China Critic churlishly complains that "the question of Wei-hai-wei is typical of the Powers' way in dealing with China in regard to the special rights and privileges they have wrung from this country." And yet previously in the same article, our contemporary, after saying that an agreement was ready for signature in 1924, admits that "civil disturbances broke out in the North, leaving China without an authoritative central Government, and the matter was left there." Had the British at that time signed an agreement with a faction in power, or claiming to be in power, the so-called central Government now in Nanking and its adherents would not have found words sufficient to denounce the pourparlers. Even to-day the tenure of the Nanking Government is most uncertain, and if its successor flouts other agreements made between Nanking and the Powers it could with equal logic disregard the Wei-hai-wei agreement. Not, of course, that such is likely. Even so, it has to be remembered that eight years ago, at the Washington Conference, Lord Salisbury stated that Great Britain was pre-

pared, "under suitable circumstances," to restore the sovereignty of Wei-hai-wei to China. His successor in Downing Street to-day has a peculiar idea of what are "suitable circumstances." With actual hostilities in progress between war lords of varying hue, with banditry rife, with Red hordes looting and massacring all over the country-side, one could not well imagine a worst set of conditions for the rendition of any property at present held by the British.

Of course, the British Foreign Office bungled, as it has an unfortunate knack of doing in the Far East, when it consented in 1898 to hold the lease of Wei-hai-wei "for so long a period as Port Arthur shall remain in the possession of Russia." In 1905 the Russian lease was transferred to Japan, and if China so desired she could have pointed out that the British lease of Wei-hai-wei automatically expired. China, however, has been content for many years not to disturb the British lease, and she was quite satisfied with Lord Salisbury's assurance eight years ago to agree to rendition "under suitable circumstances."

In the annual general report for 1926 the British Commissioner stated:

"At the time when the British authorities occupied Wei-hai-wei the Territory was a roadless, desolate tract of land inhabited by a poverty-stricken peasantry who earned a bare subsistence by fishing and tilling the soil; of trade, other than the barter of dried fish for native wine, none existed, for the simple reason that the Territory produced no commodity suitable for export. But 23 years of British rule have produced a striking change in conditions in the Territory. Unhindered by excessive taxation, the people have been enabled to rise from poverty to prosperity; agricultural pursuits have been developed; waste land has been reclaimed and put under cultivation; good roads have been constructed in place of the former mule-tracks; and industry and commerce have been fostered. Apart from all other considerations, however, the great blessing that British rule has brought to the people of the Territory during the past 23 years has been the gift of peace, a gift that will be gratefully remembered by the people long after the British Government shall have ceased to function in the Territory."

Whilst there may be no option under the terms of the original lease but to agree to the rendition of Wei-hai-wei, one cannot but wonder how far these observations in the annual report for 1926 shall be found applicable to the Territory thirty years hence.

News in Brief

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Saigon on account of cholera.

A Te Deum will be sung on the occasion of the blessing of the new chapel of St. Paul's Institution at Causeway Bay at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham to-day with trespassing on the Kennedy Road revolver range to pick up empty cartridges, a Chinese was fined \$4 or seven days' hard labour.

Partly demolishing a hawk's stall by stealing three planks of wood, a Chinese, who was stated to be not of work, was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

The China Mail has received a copy of the April number of the Yellow Dragon, the official organ of Queen's College, which is up to the usual standard as regards intellectual fare and light humour.

MYSTERY TEETH.

(Continued from Page 1.)

charge of the body and everything he found there. He found blood-stains on a door curtain, and also on the staircase. The stains were traced to the scavenging lane at the back of the house and from there to Prince Edward Road, where all traces were lost.

Witness also mentioned that it had always been his practice during an identification parade to send away any Chinese detectives who made the arrests.

Mr. Jenkins then proceeded to cross-examine Det.-Inspector Fallon. Raising the question of the teeth, he asked the Detective whether he had made any investigation as to if, by any possibility, the teeth could have come from the victim.

Witness replied that he had not, and in reply to further questions stated that he had no directions from Chief Inspector Reynolds to take any precautions of that kind.

No Instructions.
Mr. Jenkin asked whether it was not absolutely essential to make certain on this point, bearing in mind the important aspect that the teeth assumed in the case.

Witness said that he had no instructions on the point.
Mr. Jenkin: Neither of these three men (the prisoners) have any teeth missing?—Not that I am aware of.

Mr. Jenkin: I suggest that you assumed that these teeth were those of the victim?—Witness replied that so far as he was concerned, that was so.

Blood on a Clog.
Mr. Jenkin then produced a clog, asking witness whether it had blood upon it when found.—Witness said that it had one spot of blood on it.

Mr. Jenkin: Is it the little girl's clog?—She won't claim it. Witness stated that the girl later had said that the clog belonged to a woman named Sam Koo, who had been known to be a visitor at the place, and, in fact, used to reside with the old man.

Mr. Jenkin: You will agree on another point, that in the event of persons being suspected of implication in this affair, inspection should be made for bloodstains on their clothing?—Witness said it would be desirable.

Mr. Jenkin: If the first person was one of the three, and blood was found about the place in the manner you describe, it would not be unreasonable to find bloodstains on his clothes?—It would not be unreasonable.

What precautions were taken by the Police to find out whether the man's clothes bore any bloodstains?—He was searched when he came into the Police Station, and his clothes were taken off him.

Was that all that was done?—That was all.

Can you tell me, in a case of this gravity, why no search was made at his house?—Owing to the time that had passed before his arrest.

That was 48 hours?—Yes.
Regarding the question of searches for stolen property, witness, when further questioned, said that no search had been made at the house. The only search made was that upon the first prisoner. Nothing was found upon him, "no money, or anything." The first prisoner had protested his complete innocence through-

out.
Finger Prints.
Mr. Jenkin: Was any search made at the house for finger-prints?—Inspector Vincent, in-
spected the broken cups.

Nothing else was done?—Not so far as I know.
By all the rules of the game was this not the proper thing to be done?—Yes, provided you can get the proper vessels on which to find finger-prints.

Do you say, then, that there was nothing else there that would have shown finger-prints?—Witness said he did not make any

SIR J. KEMP.

Appointment Receives Royal Approval.

LOCAL CONGRATULATION.

The Colonial Secretary informs the China Mail that a telegram has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., to be Chief Justice in succession to Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.

Ceremony in Court.

When Sir Joseph H. Kemp sat on the Bench this morning at the Criminal Sessions in connection with the murder trial, reported elsewhere, the Acting Attorney-

General, and charm with which during the 16 years your Lordship has, as Attorney-General, adorned and added lustre to the profession to which we are proud to belong. We look forward with conviction to the continued maintenance of those happy relations between Bench and Bar which characterise the administration of British Justice throughout the Empire.

His Lordship's Reply.

In reply, his Lordship said: Mr. Attorney-General, I thank you sincerely for your very kind words. If the intention expressed in the notification which appeared in the Press this morning is translated into facts on the retirement of Sir Henry Gollan, I shall accept the office with a deep sense of responsibility. I can wish that I had a larger share of the qualities so necessary to fill the office, but I have this consolation that I know I shall receive from



Sir Joseph Kemp.

General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., asked permission to address a few words to his Lordship. He said:

May it please your Lordship, on behalf of both branches of the legal profession, I should like to express our feeling of gratification at the announcement made in the newspapers that your Lordship as substantive Chief Justice will occupy a seat which it is the hope of all of us that your Lordship will continue to occupy for many years to come.

Your Lordship is no stranger either to the Bench in this Colony or to ourselves who live and practise here. Many of us remember the time when your Lordship presided with distinction in the Courts of the New Territories, the Magistracy, and the Supreme Court in its summary jurisdiction. All of us will remember the tact,

inspection himself. Inspector Vincent was handling this side of the matter, and witness knew that the latter looked at the cups. There was not to witness's knowledge any other examination.

Importance of the Curtain.
Mr. Jenkin then asked for the curtain to be produced which was said to have borne bloodstains. Witness demonstrated the manner in which it was hung.

Mr. Jenkin proceeded to point out that the portion of the curtain which had borne the bloodstains was near the bottom. He advanced the theory that the stains being in this position it was logical to assume that someone might have stopped to wipe blood from an injured leg.—To this witness agreed.

Mr. Jenkin: The curtain was taken down from the door of the cubicle in which the little girl says she was found hurt?—I saw it taken down myself.

With regard to the stains on the staircase, which might have been blood, witness said they were also near the bottom of the wall, and were consistent with marks from an injured leg.

Unconcerned Girl.
Mr. Jenkins here asked whether the man who was first arrested, and afterwards discharged, (Yeong Chan) was accustomed to visiting the priest and whether he was known to the young girl?—Witness understood that such was the case.

Witness, further questioned, said that the little girl seemed remarkably unconcerned over the whole affair. He did not know whether any reward had been offered in connection with the case. He had not heard of any. As regards the bloodstains on the staircase, he had not made any chart of the positions. They might have been a little further removed from the wall.

This concluded the cross-examination.
The case is proceeding.

both branches of the legal profession that consideration and assistance which I have always experienced at their hands during the whole of my service in the Colony.

32 Years' Service.

Sir Joseph Kemp first arrived in the Colony on Christmas Day, 1898, as a cadet, and during his 32 years' service, he has been through practically all the Government Departments. First being attached to the C.S.O., Sir Joseph later went to Canton to study Chinese, returning in July, 1899. In 1900 he was appointed Registrar of the Land Court, and in November of the same year, he was made acting Second Magistrate.

A number of appointments followed which included Assistant Secretary of the Sanitary Board, Deputy Registrar, and appraiser at the Supreme Court, acting First Police Magistrate, acting Registrar of the Supreme Court, acting Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, and Head of the Sanitary Board. In 1909 he became Registrar of the Supreme Court, and two years later, he was made Crown Solicitor. Since then his service has been wholly confined to the framing and administration of laws. Sir Joseph was appointed Attorney-General in 1915. He was made a Commander of the British Empire in 1918, and in the same year he became a K.C. He was also knighted in the New Year's Honour List in 1927.

Sir Joseph Kemp is a man of sterling worth, and his appointment as Chief Justice will be welcomed by all who know him.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail,"
May 6, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 41.73¢.

The s.s. Songma, 634 tons gross, commanded by Capt. Alois, which plies between Hong Kong and Hap Hong and which struck a reef in Hong Hum Bay, is reported to have her holds and engine room full of water, and this morning a Chinese steamer brought in the news that she had sunk.

Twenty-five lift boys, participants in the strike among that section of the community, who were employed by the Hong Kong Land Investment Company and the Hong Kong Central Estate Company, were discharged by Mr. N. L. Smith at the Police Court this morning on charges of leaving the service of their employers without notice.

WHITE METAL.

(CONTRIBUTED.)

The trouble with Silver is that it has no friends. At least only You and Me. You, John China, on the far side of the Samchun Creek, and Me, John Smith, in this little red dot on the map yeelp Hong Kong. And Younme, the old China hand, amongst us at any rate, can remember the day when Silver ruled the world from Karachi to Kutchinotau, yea, even unto Tokyo and far away Hakodate. What a falling off is there, my countrymen! Think of it!

I have noted the effusions of a number of bright lads in our local Press, but they all seem to suffer from the same complaint. What we might call Dollaritis — too much Dollar in the Cosmos. The big round cart-wheel of White Metal that came to us first from Mexico, and has been imposing itself on us as a coin ever since. And it isn't really a coin, it never was a coin — as civilisation knows coins — but only a chunk cut out of a commodity. The "wooden dollar," our American friends called it. Just a chunk of a commodity, fluctuating in value, bought and sold by weight. A marketable commodity — ranking with wheat, or rubber, or mutton chops. No, I'm wrong there — I apologise to mutton chops. The demand for mutton chops is practically stable, whereas the demand for Silver is fading and likely to go on fading unless the unforeseen happens; as this scribe will try to show you, if you'll just have patience and "bide a wee". Only get this — Silver to-day is hardly even a precious metal; it's just a commodity.

Supply and Demand.

A marketable commodity, and as such its price fluctuates according to the Law of Supply and Demand. Now We, Us and Company can estimate the demand with some measure of exactitude as it is all in our own corner of the world and in our own hands. And we can to some extent regulate it too, but — we can't regulate the Supply. So what we want to know first is where all these tons of Dollars come from.

Silver mines, say you. Forget it! No silver mine can turn out the metal at the price offering to-day. Most of the mines closed down years ago. So whence all this unlimited supply of silver? That is the question. And the answer is — the world's silver is produced as a By-Product of the base metal industries. Silver to-day is a By-Product. Hence all this grief.

Now what is a By-Product? Like lots of other terms it's rather hard to define. You might call it a side-line. Often something left over when the main product is taken away; like coke in the Gas Industry, Ammonia and Dyes in the Coal Industry, or a fat head in the "Scotch" Consumption Industry on "the morning after the night before." Something you get more or less for nothing; something that sometimes you don't particularly want.

By-Products.

So it falls out that there are two classes of By-Products — the Economic and the Compulsory — the Economic being that of which large quantities are in demand at a stable price, and the Compulsory being that whose extraction is necessary for the purification of the main product — whatever the market price offering. It's hardly worth mentioning to a reader of your sympathetic intelligence that Silver falls into the latter category. So — as the sparks fly upward!

Now the base metals are copper, tin, spelter, zinc, lead — and the greatest of these is lead, and a sinner and from our point of view because it contains the most silver. But the demand for lead for paints and pipes and poisons and what not calls for chemically pure lead, or at least lead with less than 10 dwts. of silver to the ton, which is just half-an-ounce Troy, according to that infallible authority, the Dictionary. And our British Leads, say Lead-hills and Wanlockhead (don't I know the bonnie hills!) contain 10 to 12 ounces to the ton, and some of the American leads used to run up even unto 200 ounces. (Of course I haven't been there since Prohibition was enacted!) And all that silver has got to come out whether it's wanted or not. You can see what we are up against.

Dollars Aplenty.

The gay lad that runs the Mercantile Bank said in London the other day that the annual production was five hundred million ounces. That means about six hundred million dollars. God help us! Let us hope he enjoyed his tiffin when the meeting was over. Aplenty dollars to lay new floors on the Peninsula Hotel, seventeen layers deep, and leave enough over to turn Ice House Street into a Skating Rink for Brokers.

Now the underdog is private — between Younme and I have some shares in a base metal company — a very few, you may be sure, as their

capital is on a gold basis — and by their last year's report I see that they produced eight million ounces of silver extracted from their copper and lead. And I can't find anything written up against their extraction expenses, though I nearly went "stane blin" looking for it. Only \$57,000 for total extraction processes, and that evidently covered impurities as well as silver. So their silver cost them 1.7 pence per ounce, or less; and they could still sell it at a profit at sixpence. And as far as I can learn all the other base metal companies are in the same stable. Silver at sixpence, and the dollar at fivepence. Think of it! — and then think some more!

Best Graft in the World.

Nonsense, says the bright lad, fathering his wish; and the Man in the Bank, he says nonsense. Why, when China stops fighting and gets really busy she can absorb five hundred million ounces easy. When she stops fighting — when! That's the nasty word. Who's doing the fighting, I ask you? Bankers and brokers and merchants and farmers — think again! Men with names that sound like one on the solar plexus — Generals (Christian and otherwise, mostly otherwise), war lords and tuchuns, with their millions of hired minions, professional soldiers every man and mother's son. Are they going to stop fighting of their own accord? Like blades they are — and be out of a job. They've got the best graft in all the world to-day, and they're sticking to it. Can you blame them? Meanwhile China gets bled white.

Who's going to stop them? The Powers. America, says you, and the British Empire. America, bombarding them with written protests, and Britain blowing them up with bag-pipes from the Shanghai Bund. Stand at Ease! Stand easy! Don't make me laugh! — I've got a cracked lip. This war is going on indefinitely — and perhaps longer. More likely longer.

But joy cometh with this paragraph. For now we've got a Government Commission studying the subject, and everything will be all right. Now just think! Did you ever know a Commission come to any decided conclusion on any one thing under the sun? If you know of one such I hand it to you. If you can remember that much can you ever remember the Government taking their advice? Any Commission I've ever known came to one of two conclusions — either "keep on keeping on," or "wait and see." That was all it amounted to, though they may have taken twenty pages to say it. And this commission is composed of bankers and brokers and officials — all bound to the chariot wheels of the status quo. (As you were!) Bankers, of course, especially, as they stand to make by the fluctuations of exchange. They and their silver reserves! What will a twenty million silver reserve look like with the dollar at sixpence? Better twenty million mutton chops.

Stabilise in Time.

So stabilise while there is yet time, for Silver is slipping, sliding. If you wait for China you may wait till the China Sugars bloom again. When the dollar flops you may see the day when a shoe-string capitalist comes here with Fifty Thousand Pounds in his little bag and buys up the Godown Company. And rice at fifty dollars a picul — for now only countries on a gold basis have rice to sell. Think what that would mean to our friends across the Samchun.

The writer is free to own up that this article is in the nature of a "draw." He, as the many great minds in this Colony must be doing, wants to know more about Silver, wants to know about its production, its prospects. What he really needs is that one of the Grand Panjandrums of the Beacon Light of Western Learning on the Hill should descend and come down and tell us all about this White Metal on which the prosperity, indeed the very life, of this Our Colony depends. He must, or at least should, have available an up-to-date technical library giving all the horrible, but necessary, details. As for me, I had at command only the prehistoric copy of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* at the Club, and a mouldy volume of a *Dictionary of Applied Chemistry*. That his personal contact with the desilvering of Lead finished in 1886 with the original Pattinson Process will tell the expert how far this writer is behind. But he knows there has been a great advance in the process since then. So now, Professor, it's up to you.

You may observe that the writer of this article has tried to keep it cheerful. He has tried to temper his message with frivolity. At the same time he can assure you that his heart is breaking — his financial heart, of course. And he has draped

MAN STABBED.

Charge Against Indian Chauffeur.

COMPATRIOT IN HOSPITAL.

A stabbing affray in which two Indian chauffeurs were concerned occurred in Kowloon yesterday afternoon. A quarrel arose between the Indians at the Star Ferry motor car stand and words led to blows. In the scuffle one of the fighters, Ajun Khan, was alleged to have stabbed the other on the left thigh. The injured man, Noor Mohammed, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital and later transferred to the Government Civil Hospital.

Ajun Khan, who was arrested by the Police immediately after the stabbing, was produced before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning, when Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen., appeared for the defence.

The weapon alleged to have been used by the accused in the affray, a spring blade knife, was produced in Court by Detective Sergeant Humphreys.

Surgical Opinion. The Sergeant did not go into the cause of the fight. He reported to the Magistrate that he had consulted Dr. G. H. Thomas before going to Court, and the doctor had said that the injured man would probably have to stay a fortnight in hospital, if there is no complication. The wound was a serious one and if septic poisoning set in he would not like to say what the consequence might be.

In the circumstances, the Sergeant asked for a week's formal remand, stating that he had been instructed to ask that bail be fixed in the sum of \$500.

The Magistrate granted the application.

CHEUNGCHAU NOTES

Big Demand for Houses for Summer.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Cheungchau, Yesterday. Matters are quietening down again after the Easter invasion. A few visitors are staying on. Our French friends at 18A depart to-day. Mr. and Mrs. Kastman have left for Canton. They will return in the autumn.

A great improvement has taken place at No. 27, the house is being put in order, and the garden looks less forlorn. The house has been rented for the Summer.

The Vegetarian theatre, after making a noise in this part of the world, has closed down for another year.

It is impossible to fill all the requests for houses for July and August, but there are vacancies for the other months.

The road repairers have made a start in getting the paths in good shape.

The bathing match is being re-erected, so all should soon be in readiness for the Summer.

Mrs. Evans (wife of the First Assistant at the Observatory) was driving out to Castle Peak on Sunday. In avoiding a cyclist at 13-mile Beach, the car skidded and went off the road on to the beach, running into one of the matcheds.

The car was damaged, but Mrs. Evans fortunately escaped with a few bruises. The damaged car was towed back to the Observatory yesterday.

A landslide threatens to overwhelm the New Tredegar Colliery, Bargoed. A large building has been reduced to ruins, and a section of road has disappeared.

Opposition to the idea of first-class cricket on Sunday has been expressed by persons prominent in county cricket circles.

His typewriter for the occasion in craps, as Murgie did his pen. So stabilise, I pray you Merry Gentlemen, Stabilise!

Greatest Enemy to Trade. A fixed dollar might complicate business in the beginning, might even shift some little business to Canton. But just think what it would mean to the community at large — for the Europeans stable salaries in line with all the world, for the Chinese the food they depend on at world parity. The greatest enemy to trade possible to conceive to the ordinary intelligence is a fluctuating means of barter — an enemy Hong Kong has suffered far too long.

So let Hong Kong, as always, show the way to China, and lead that Great Country and People along the Path of Gold.

Why because of Bank and Exchange Experts and such should we go down to the depths with a stone of silver about our necks. Rather, adapting Bryan, let the cry go forth —

"You shall not crucify Hong Kong on a cross of silver!" — JAY DEE.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions.

To-day — Tea and Dinner Dances at Peninsula Hotel, 5 and 8.30 p.m. respectively.

Entertainments.

To-day — Queen's Theatre, "One Hysterical Night." To-day — Star Theatre, "Prisco Sally Levy." To-day — World Theatre, "Midnight Rose." To-day — Majestic Theatre, "Convoy."

Sports.

See Special Sports Diary on page 9.

Home Mails.

To-day — Inward from America and ports (Talyo-Maru).

Meetings.

To-morrow — Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

To-morrow — Hong Kong Tramways Ltd., extraordinary meeting, Messrs. Jardine's Board Room, noon.

May 8 — Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Messrs. Jardine's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

May 16 — Forty-ninth annual meeting of Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's Office, noon.

May 30 — Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., 11 a.m.; China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 11.15 a.m.; British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 11.20 a.m. respectively.

Miscellaneous.

May 9 — Union Church Annual Spring Jubilee Sale.

May 9 — Arrival of H.E. Sir William Peel.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE. IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR QUARRY", will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of MONDAY, the 19th day of May, 1930, for the occupation for a period from 6th June, 1930 to 31st December, 1931, of the piece or parcel of ground at Ma Tau Kok and known as Kowloon Quarry Lot No. 3, containing about 4.13 acres, as shown coloured red on plan, signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 4th April, 1930, at an upset annual fee of \$1,200, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY, Director of Public Works. 2nd May, 1930.

CHURCH NOTICE.

UNION CHURCH, Kennedy Road.

JUMBLE SALE

on FRIDAY, May 9, at 2.30. Contributions of old clothing etc. thankfully received at Church Hall.

RECEPTION ON THE ARRIVAL OF H.E. SIR WM. PEEL, K.B.E.

OFFICIAL WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS.

Information has now been officially received in the Colony that H. E. Sir WM. PEEL, K.B.E., will arrive in this Colony on FRIDAY morning, the 9th instant, instead of Thursday morning, the 8th instant, as previously intimated.

The arrangements and times as previously published for the 8th instant will stand for the 9th instant, the day only being changed.

ARRIVAL OF H.E. SIR WILLIAM PEEL.

ON H.E. SIR WILLIAM PEEL leaving Queen's Pier he will, accompanied by H.E. The Officer Administering the Government and party, proceed in motor cars in a westerly direction down Connaught Road Central and Connaught Road West. At Shek Tong Tsui he will turn up Hill Road and thence by Queen's Road Central to the City Hall, where the public address will be presented.

It is hoped that occupiers of premises adjoining the route taken, will make a suitable display of flags and bunting.

RECEPTION ON THE ARRIVAL OF H.E. SIR WILLIAM PEEL, K.B.E.

OFFICIAL WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS.

AT A PUBLIC MEETING held at the City Hall on FRIDAY, the 4th April, it was decided to present H.E. Sir WILLIAM PEEL, K.B.E., with an Address of WELCOME on his arrival in this Colony, which will be during the morning of the 9th May next.

At the same Public Meeting it was decided that the whole of the Theatre Royal should be thrown open to the public without charge save only that the stage be reserved for the Reception Committee, Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Representatives of the Navy, Army and Air Forces and the Heads of Public Departments, the first two rows of the stalls for the Consular Body and their wives and the representatives of the Churches, also the first two rows of the dress circle for ladies.

It is hoped that as many residents of the Colony as possible will attend this Public Meeting at the Theatre Royal, and thus give a practical demonstration of the support of the Colony to its new Governor.



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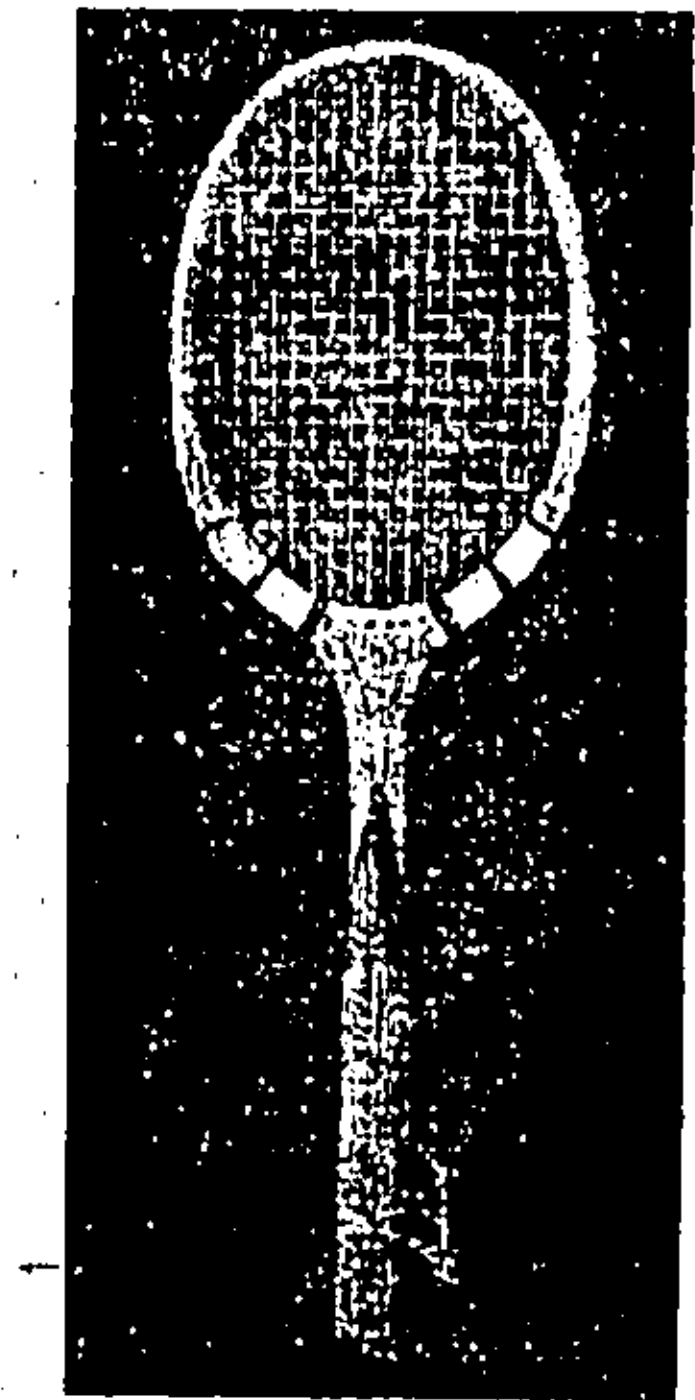
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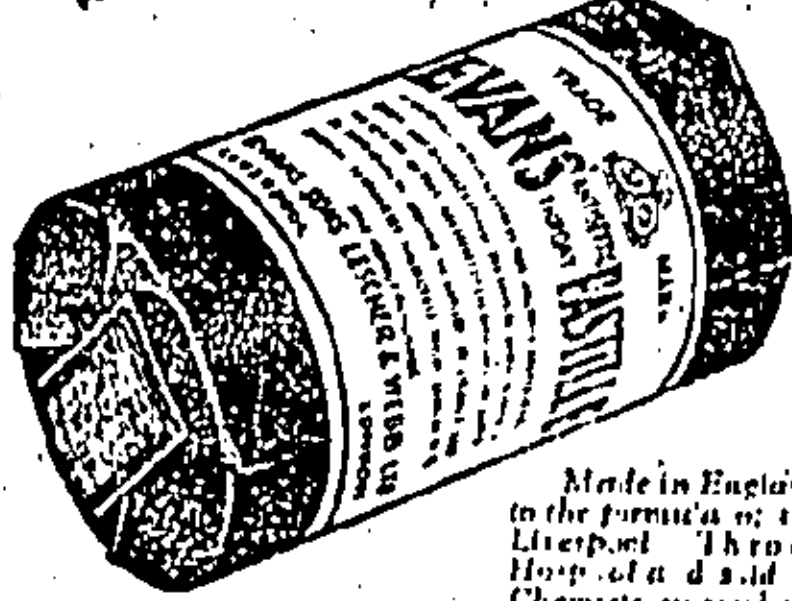
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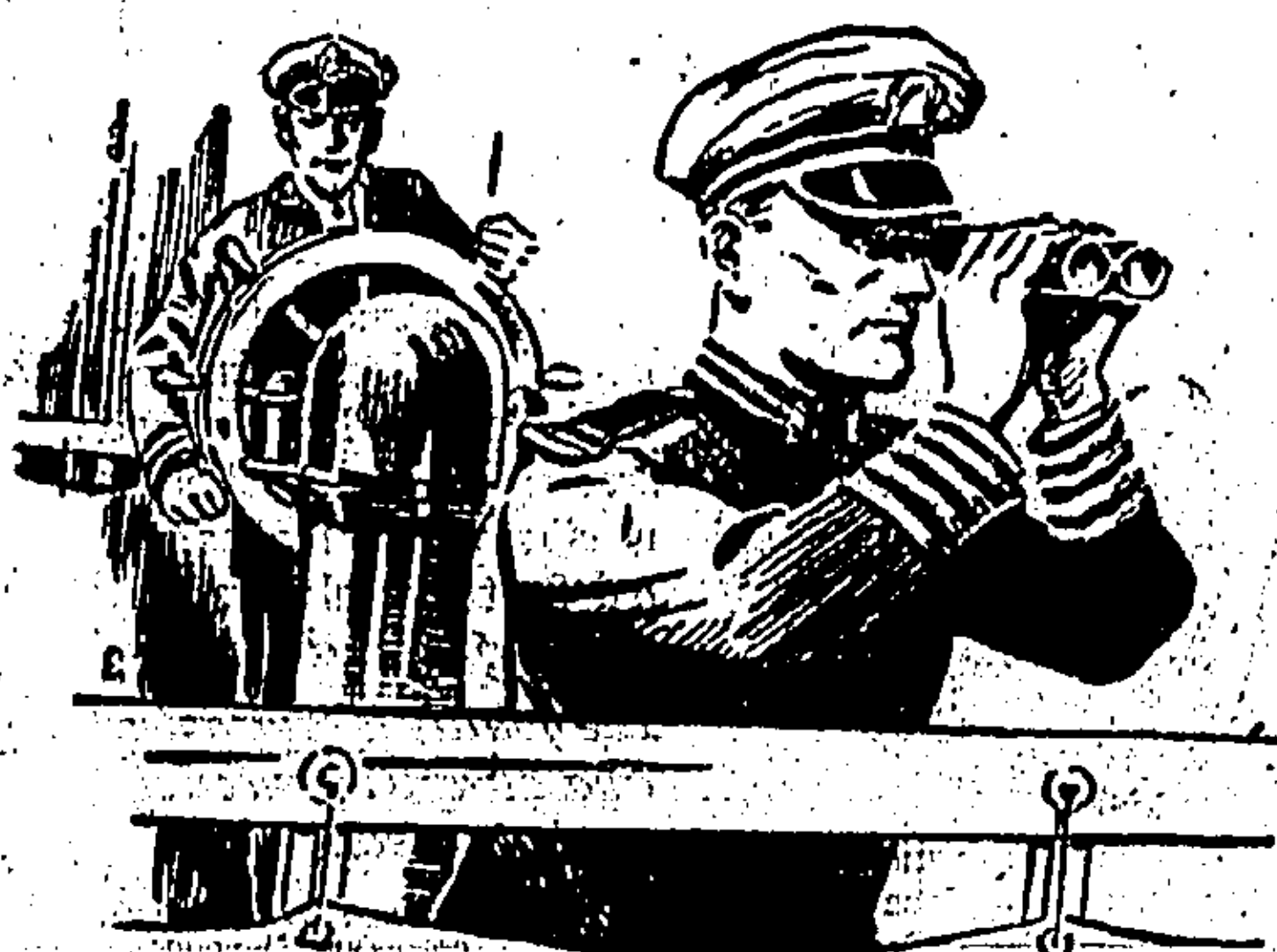
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DAVIS CUP.

Japan Goes Into Next
Round.

IRELAND ONE UP ON MONACO.

London, Yesterday.
In the first round of the Davis Cup at Dublin, Ireland lead Monaco by two matches to one. The honours in the singles were divided, and to-day Ireland took the lead by winning the doubles match.

R. Gallepe (Monaco) beat E. Maguire (Ireland) 6-2, 7-5, 7-5. Lyttleton Rogers (Ireland) beat V. Landau (Monaco) 6-1, 6-4, 6-2. Lyttleton Rogers and A. Smith (Ireland) beat R. Gallepe and V. Landau (Monaco) 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

By winning four matches off the reel, Japan eliminated Hungary from the Davis Cup.

**J. C. GREGORY LOSES TO
H. G. N. LEE.**

FINAL TRIALS.

(By A. Wallis Myers.)

London, April 14.
H. W. Austin, J. C. Gregory, H. G. N. Lee, and I. G. Collins have been selected to represent Great Britain in next week's Davis Cup match against Germany, at Queen's.

It is a team upon which high hopes may well be built—probably the best international team which this country has nominated since England, with Colonel Kingscott and J. C. Parke leading the attack, met America at Wimbledon in 1920.

It contains three singles players, all of whom have made their mark overseas. Both Austin and Lee have defeated Prehn, Germany's champion, this year. Gregory and Collins crushed the German doubles pair at Berlin, and incidentally defeated the American doubles champions at Wimbledon.

These are moral factors of considerable value in a world-wide tournament; for our opponents of whatever country are influenced psychologically more by achievements in big tournaments than by the results of domestic matches of which they may not hear. This is why Austin's recent defeat of Borotra in Paris is worth much to British prestige abroad, and may be worth a great deal to Austin when he next engages one of the leading Frenchmen.

While the doubles pair for the German match is indicated beyond any question, our two singles players will not be named until almost the eve of the combat. Presumably the choice lies between Austin and Gregory and Austin and Lee. In all his trial singles Austin lost two sets, and in one—that against Lee—he lost three and the match as well.

Lee Earns His Place.

Yet it may be doubted whether the court or the occasion inspired him to reveal the best that is in him. He might well have raised his game higher to defeat either Powell or Sharpe in a period less than two hours and a half; he was obviously stale on Saturday when he allowed Olliff to come within a stroke of beating him by three sets to one. If he had lost this match, as he really deserved to lose it—for Olliff served a double fault at one of his chances—Austin would not have forfeited his place in the British team.

Lee has unquestionably earned his inclusion. His tournament record at Beckenham last year and at Beaulieu this—and he slew a succession of Davis Cup players at both meetings—favoured his claim; his defeat in the final trial matches first of Austin and then of Gregory endorsed it. It is true that he had a hard and speculative struggle with both, and was beaten earlier in the week by Olliff; but against Austin and Gregory he showed a fighting spirit of rare quality, and he was distinctly unlucky, not to have been in a winning position against Olliff.

Lee's match with Gregory on Saturday was played at a very fast rate, for both men sacrificed finesse for force. It was essentially a driving duel, and if the pace of the driving had not been consistently speedy, and its length uniformly good, five sets of it might have been a little too much for the fastidious spectator. One got the impression that the aggressive service of Gregory—Lee's was quite innocuous by comparison—rather let him down, for it yielded several critical double faults, and its relentless fury brought a physical reaction which nearly cost him the match in three sets.

Gregory's Hits Back.
Only one inch of the court on a fierce forehand winner by Lee deprived the latter of a victory without the loss of a set. Missing an inviting opportunity here, Lee was

BRADMAN AGAIN.

Consecutive Centuries in
Home Tour.

BOWLING 'TOUNCED.'

London, Yesterday.
Continuing their innings yesterday at Leicester, the Australians took their score from 50 for 2 wickets to 365 for 5, at which point rain caused play to be abandoned for the day.

Don Bradman followed up his double century at Worcester by scoring 185 not out at Leicester. It will be remembered that Don Bradman set up the world's record by scoring 452 not out in an Interstate match. At his present rate of scoring it looks probable that he may set up new records for a touring side. In two innings on English soil he has already scored 411 runs for once out.

It was encouraging to see Victor Richardson come into form at Leicester, where he scored a century. The vice-captain is a popular player in cricketing circles, and what success he gains is entirely his due.

At the moment the Australians, with five wickets in hand, lead the county by 217 runs.

Scores:—
Leicester 148 (Shipman 63, Berry 50, C. V. Grimmett 7 for 46).
Australians 365-5 (Don Bradman 185, V. Y. Richardson 100).
—Reuter.

UNTIL FINAL TEST.

No Larger Wickets for
Tourists.

The Australian cricketers in England will not have the larger wicket in any of their matches before the final Test. This surprising decision follows a cabled inquiry by the County Cricket Advisory Committee to which the Australian Board of Control have replied:—"Australian players entirely inexperienced larger wicket and Board strongly against use before final Test."

Whether this means that the Australians are not willing to try the larger wicket until all the Tests are decided, or whether they are willing to try it in the last Test if the rubber has been decided before that match, is not clear, and various constructions have been put upon the cablegram. Great surprise, however, is expressed that the Tourists have not expressed a willingness to experiment with the larger wicket in one of their matches with a county side.

HOCKEY.

Indians to Meet the
Punjabis.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club at hockey against the Punjabis 2nd XI to-day at 5.15 p.m. sharp, on the Marina Ground:

Surjan Singh, Joginder Singh, Rattan Singh, Khushi Mohamed, Atma Singh, Mohinder Singh, Awar Singh (Captain), Gurbachan Singh, Harbhajan Singh, Kalwant Singh, Gulam Mohamed.

made to realise that Gregory was perfectly willing to hit back, and perhaps with more dramatic blows. The question is whether any other player in England would have steered his heart as Lee did against a reprisal so severe.

Lee won the fifth and final set to three. There was the keenest debate for every rally, and much racing from side to side, but Lee's backhand, if less brilliant than Gregory's, was less liable to lead him astray over a variation in pace. In the final phases of an exhausting struggle his eye was the more loyal.

Olliff increased his reputation by his play in the trials. He beat Lee, and all but beat Austin. On Saturday, save for a tendency to double fault, he was playing really well, developing his tactics much more judiciously and using his volleying power with more circumspection.

Even when Austin had reduced his big lead, and was himself leading 5-1 in the final set, Olliff hung on, saving several match balls and nearly squaring the issue at five all. The youngest of all the Davis Cup candidates, Olliff may be certain that his progress will continue.
Saturday's results were:
H. G. N. Lee beat J. C. Gregory, 6-3, 5-7, 3-6, 6-3.
H. W. Austin beat J. S. Olliff, 2-6, 4-6, 6-0, 8-6, 6-4—London Daily Telegraph.

CHEFOO SPORTS.

C.I.M. School Defeat the
Settlement Team.

BIG LEAD ON POINTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Chefoo, April 28.

On Saturday, April 26, a very interesting and exciting Athletic Meeting took place on the C.I.M. Boys' School field between the Settlement Team and the Boys' School. Each item was closely watched by the assembled friends who fully entered into the spirit of the gathering, and loudly cheered the contestants as they passed round the course.

The first race, which was a relay of 1,320 yards, was perhaps the best of the races and was won by the School team in 2 mins. 57.4/5 secs. The winning of this race gave the School a good start and the Settlement afterwards found it hard work to keep anywhere near the School as the items were contested. Owing to a slip by one of the School team the Hurdle Race went to the Settlement, but in spite of the fall the School team reached the tape within a few inches of the Settlement winner.

The 4th event, Throwing the Cricket Ball, was a most interesting one, and two of the entrants threw so straight that from the time the ball left the hand till it hit the ground there was scarcely the deviation of an inch. The School again won this item with 78 yards 2ft. 10 inches, followed by the Settlement with 73 yards.

The long jump won by the School was an excellent one the distance being 21 ft. 3 3/4 inches, but as this was to be reckoned by the average of the whole team the length reached by the School was 18ft. 6 1/2 in. and by the Settlement 18ft. 6 in. This was the most closely contested of all the events. The final number of points for the meet gave the School 70 points and the Settlement 20 points, the School thus winning by a large majority.

Appended are the results:—
1,320 Yards Relay Race—Won by School, 2 mins. 57.4/5 secs.
100 Yards Sprint—Won by School, 10.4/5 secs.
High Jump—Won by School, 4 ft. 10 3/4 in.
Throwing the Cricket Ball—Won by School, 78 yds. 2 ft. 10 in.
Hurdle Relay—Won by Settlement, 54.4/5 secs.
Long Jump (average of team)—Won by School, 18 ft. 6 1/2 in.
880 Yards Relay Race—Won by School, 1 min. 51.4/5 secs.
1 Mile Relay Race—Won by School, 3 mins. 30.4/5 secs.
Total number of points given, School 70. Settlement 20.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

School Challenge Shield
Contest.

Dull cloudy weather with a gusty S.E. wind blowing was not altogether what was desired for a successful meet, but in spite of the weather the Sports were carried out in full, and some excellent running was recorded. The Senior High Jump proved a record for the School. A very large number of friends assembled on the School field and thoroughly enjoyed the items as they were carried out according to programme. The School ladies provided tea during the interval, which was most refreshing and acceptable to all.

Mrs. McCarthy graciously distributed the certificate to the winners, the School Challenge Shield being won by J. B. Davies who was also the winner last year. The competition was very keen this year between the winner and the runner-up, Arthur Smith, who missed the honour by only a few points.

The points won by the Houses this year showed how close the contesting of all the events had been. "Livingstone" House coming out first with 112 points followed by "Carey" with 100, "Paton" bringing up the rear with 87. Arthur Smith (Captain), Dillie and Tyler all helped considerably in putting "Livingstone" at the top.

The usual hearty cheers from the boys for the winners, the Principal and his wife, and the visitors brought a happy afternoon to a close.

PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following are closing scores in the first heat of the Professional Billiards Championship at Thurston's.

London, April 11.
Davis (in play) 9,700; Falkner 7,085.
London, April 12.
Davis (in play) 11,497; Falkner 8,747.
London, April 14.
Davis (in play) 12,978; Falkner 10,820.

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SHANGHAI RACES.

Old Favourite Wins
Cathay Stakes.

FIRST DAY RESULTS.

Yesterday was the first day of the Shanghai Jockey Club's Spring meeting, and some very good racing was seen. A notable feature was the victory of the old favourite Wheatcroft, in the America-Challenge Cup and Cathay Stakes. The following results were obtained through the courtesy of the Hong Kong Club:—

Wei-Hai-Wei Cup.
For third and fourth class ponies only. Distance, 7 furlongs.
Mr. R. H. MacNair's Martin Harvey (Mr. Roth) 1
Harry White and Son's Don Philippe (Mr. Jack) 2
McBain and Sokoloff's Vechorok (Mr. Sokoloff) 3
Time:—1.49.1.
Nanking Cup.
Fourth class ponies only. Distance, 5 miles.
Mr. Robson's The Original Bird (Mr. Brand) 1
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White's Star of Chekiang (Mr. Reitz) 2
Mr. Day's Beautiful Land (Mr. Dallas) 3
Time:—1.32.3.

Hong Kong Plate.
Second, third and fourth class ponies. Distance, 7 furlongs.
We Two's Young Bill (Mr. Maitland) 1
Mr. Kenjoy's Purple Diamond (Mr. Collaco) 2
Lemarchand and Springfield's Chilly Eve (Mr. Springfield) 3
Time:—1.48.1.

Griffin's Plate.
For griffins of the meeting. Distance, 3 miles.
Winstone and Hasty's The Golden Phoenix (Mr. Encarnacao) 1
Mr. M. M. Sokoloff's Dobrynia-Nikitch (Mr. Sokoloff) 2
We Two's Just Suppose (Mr. Noodt) 3
Time:—1.30.4.

America Challenge Cup & Cathay Stakes.
For all China ponies (Y. Class). Distance, 1 1/4 miles.
Mr. Liddell's Wheatcroft (Mr. Brand) 1
Mr. Eve's Busy Bee (Mr. Haimovitch) 2
Mr. Day's Cloverland (Mr. Dallas) 3
Time:—2.41.4.

Flying Handicap "A" Class.
For Shanghai Race Club 1930 subscription griffins. Distance, 1 mile.
Mr. Elms Silver Cup (Mr. Noodt) 1
D. F. Landale and F. A. Pollock's Auchencairn (Mr. Jack) 2
Triumvirate's Rough Justice (Mr. Brand) 3
Time:—2.04.

Flying Handicap "B" Class.
Distance, 1 mile.
Mr. E. S. Hine's Pretoria (Mr. Pollock) 1
Cire's Bluebird (Mr. Haimovitch) 2
Shammoon and White's The Poy Friend (Mr. Collaco) 3
Time:—2.07.3.

Chinese Cup & Criterion Stakes.
For all China ponies (Y. Class). Distance, 1 mile.
Mr. Eve's Banquet Eve (Mr. Haimovitch) 1
Mr. Toeg's Alligator (Mr. F. Hunt) 2
Mr. Lads' Firefly (Mr. Wells Henderson) 3
Time:—2.02.4.

Pou-Ma-Ting Cup.
For griffins of the meeting. Distance, 1 mile.
Law and Hickling's Glen Prosen (Mr. Noodt) 1
Mr. Lads' Fiery Lad (Mr. Noodt) 2
Mr. Eve's Conference Eve (Mr. Haimovitch) 3
Time:—2.05.1.

Kiangsu Cup.
For China ponies (Y. Class) only. Distance, 1 mile and 3 furlongs.
Mr. Lads' Bright Lad (Mr. Haimovitch) 1
Mr. Day's Hurry On (Mr. Dallas) 2
Mr. Kenjoy's Apple Leaf (Mr. Brand) 3
Time:—2.53.4.

Eclipse Stakes.
For griffins of the meeting. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.
Mr. Lads' Fireflash (Mr. Noodt) 1
We Two's Mister Clinders (Mr. Collaco) 2
Mr. Hunt's Taunton Vale (Mr. Maitland) 3
Time:—2.41.2.

Taiingtao Cup.
For third class ponies only. Distance, 7 furlongs.
Mr. B. P. Lalaca's Lysander (Mr. Noodt) 1
W. H. and Hunt's Honan (Mr. Maitland) 2
C. E. and S. A.'s Prince Adalbert (Mr. Encarnacao) 3
Time:—1.47.2.
Chinwantao Cup.
For third class ponies only. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.

Mr. A. N. Dallas's Royal Lancer (Mr. Bolton) 1
Mr. Dixie's Jupiter (Mr. Herzberg) 2
Mr. Allan's Courage (Mr. McCann) 3
Time:—2.42.

Horse That Won Derby
on Three Legs.

WONDERFUL "SUNSTAR".

"Sunstar literally won the race on three legs, a raging hot favourite with millions of pounds betted on him by people who had never fully known the real truth of the rumours. He came back to the paddock lame and could hardly walk to his stable."

"Sunstar never ran again." Not an extract from a Nat Gould novel, but the plain words on a real drama of the Turf, of Mr. Charles Morton, one of the greatest trainers who ever lived. Mr. Morton has written his reminiscences, and in every page there is drama—of horses, men, great gambles. Twice he trained a Derby winner. With Sunstar, winner in 1911, tragedy lurked close at hand; with Humorist, the winner of 1921, it overshadowed even the triumph itself.

Before the race Humorist had caused his trainer some anxiety, but he was not able to solve the mystery of certain lapses. A few days after the Derby Humorist was found dead.

"My head had had gone to the stables. As he opened the door of the box he saw a stream of blood pouring from underneath the door of the adjacent box."

"He came rushing inside to me to break the news. I went and opened the door and there I found my Derby winner lying dead."

"I have seen many sorrowful tragedies, but the spectacle of poor Humorist lying dead that Sunday afternoon caused me a grief I shall never forget."

An autopsy was made, and the horse was found to have been suffering from consumption and severe hemorrhage of the lungs. "How he ever won the Derby under such a handicap," comments Mr. Morton, "will for ever remain a mystery of the Turf."

Dean Swift. Of horses Mr. Morton writes with a knowledge and affection akin to that of the biographer. He introduced us to that great old favourite of the early years of this century, Dean Swift, in this wise: "I made his acquaintance in the autumn of 1902, an unworldly, lean, ragged-looking gelding with hairy heels... Long and hungry-looking, he possessed a bulldog courage that endeared him to everybody."

Many a sensational story is told in this book of great gambles, but none is more fascinating than the story of the Smiths, James and Sydney.

In the middle seventies, with a horse called Rosebery, they won a double never achieved before or since—the Cesarewitch and the Cambridgehire—one a two-and-a-quarter mile handicap against the best stayers, and the other, a fortnight later, a nine-furlong race against the fastest horses in Britain. Those were the days when £10,000 could be put on a horse by a mere nod. Fred Archer rode Rosebery in the Cesarewitch and cantered home; and the Smiths won £100,000. In the Cambridgehire Constable rode the horse, and the great coup, which amounted altogether to the better part of £250,000, was won by a mere neck. Characters of thirty, forty, and fifty years ago—"Jubilee Jugglers," who lost £250,000 in two years; Hammond, who won £30,000 over St. Gatten and another £75,000 over Florence; Fred Archer, Admiral Rous—these and scores of others live again in the pages of a book full of the drama of the Turf.

WATER POLO.

Club Secretaries are reminded that the closing date of entries for the League Championship is Saturday, May 10, at the V.R.C.

PANDEMONIUM AT A CUP TIE.

GROUND STREWN WITH INJURED PLAYERS.

Birmingham, March 26. Scenes unparalleled in the history of the ground were witnessed at Villa Park to-day, when the Arsenal beat Hull City by one goal to nil in the replayed English Cup semi-final.

The climax of a strenuous, bustling game occurred shortly after half-time, when the referee ordered Childs, the Hull centre half to leave the ground for fouling Jack.

Crowd's Protest. Pandemonium broke loose. The crowd roared their protest in unison.

A fight between two spectators broke out on the shilling side, and the disturbance spread until there were at least twenty fights in progress among the crowd.

All the players clustered round the referee gesticulating and appealing frantically to him to alter his decision.

Someone then kicked the ball into the crowd of players. It hit Parker, the Arsenal captain, full in the face, and knocked him out. He had to receive attention.

For a moment it looked as though there would be a free fight among the players, but the referee blew his whistle for the restart, and averted another ugly scene.

"Like A Battlefield." From then on the ground was more like a battlefield than a playing field.

There was not an interval of five minutes during which some player was not lying on the ground writhing and groaning. So common-place did this become that the game eventually proceeded without notice being taken of the prostrate players. Fully half the players were injured in some way. They limped and hobbled painfully about the field.

Mills, the Hull centre-forward, was carried off the field, and did not return. Lewis, the Arsenal custodian, kept goal with his head bandaged. Baker, Parker, Bell, Gilson, and Jack were all the injured.

As the referee moved about the field he was greeted with boos, cat-calls and ironical cheering for the remainder of the game.

BLIND MEN AT CHESS.

Match Won Against Sighted Opponents.

In a secluded room a stone's throw from Regent Street, a team of blind chess players struggled nearly five hours for supremacy in a match against sighted opponents—and the blind men won.

They were past and present pupils of Worcester College for the Blind, and their opponents represented the Imperial Chess Club, Brook Street, Mayfair, at which sixteen games were played, and Worcester scored 10 points to the 6 by the Imperial Club.

Mr. T. H. Taylor, the well-known international player, led the Worcester College team, and the Imperial Club team was captained by Major Sir Richard Barnett.

MARRIAGE OF WELL-KNOWN BRITISH ATHLETE.

D.G.A. Lowe's Danish Bride.

London, April 14. It was revealed to-day that the British athlete and Olympic Champion, D. G. A. Lowe, was quietly married on Saturday to a Danish girl, Miss Karen Thomsen.

11 MAIDENS IN 12 OVERS.

Kandy, April 7. A remarkable bowling feat was performed on the Radella grounds on Saturday, which will undoubtedly rank as a record in first-class cricket. Bowling for the Kandy Sports Club in their match against Dimbula, O. A. Wright had to his credit 11 maidens out of a dozen overs, capturing six wickets for three runs.

POLO CLUB.

Question of the Ground Tenure.

THE USE OF WALTERS.

Colonel Brownrigg presided at the annual meeting of the Polo Club last evening.

In his address he stated that the excess of income over expenditure for the year was \$2,520, as against \$101.67 for the previous year. A sum of \$1,389.60 had been expended during the year on special repairs to the ground, re-turfing, etc., and sub-

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LOCAL

Tennis—May 10—Tennis League commences.—Division "A." H.K.C.C. v. C.R.C. v. S.C.A.A. v. I.R.C.; M.B.K. v. K.C.C.; Division "B"—C.R.C. v. N.G.; H.K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.; U.S.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.; E.Y.M.C.A. v. I.R.C.; K.C.C. v. C.C.C.; Division "C"—C.S.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.; C.T.C. v. P.C.; K.C.C. v. C.R.C.; Club de Recreo v. I.R.C.; H.K.U.T.C. v. K.T.C.

May 12—K.C.C. tournament commences.

Hockey—To-day—L.R.C. v. Punjabis, Marina Ground, 5.15 p.m.

Rifle Shooting—May 30—Distribution of Prizes, Volunteer Headquarters.

Racing—May 17—Extra Race Meeting.

Lawn Bowls—May 10—Talkoo R.C. v. Police R.C.; C.C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; K.B.G.C. v. K.D.R.C.; Club de Recreo v. C.S.C.C.; Division II—C.S.C.C. v. Talkoo R.C.; Yacht Club v. Club de Recreo; K.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.; Electric R.C. v. C.C.C.

May 10—Entries for Open Singles Championship close.

Water Polo—May 10—Entries close for League, 6 p.m.

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Golf—May 6—British Professional Championship, Southport.

May 12—British Ladies' Open Championship, Formby.

May 15—Walker Cup—Great Britain v. America, St. George's Golf Club.

May 23—England v. Scotland, St. Andrews.

May 26—Amateur Championship, St. Andrew's.

Racing—May 7—Two Thousand, Guineas, Newmarket.

May 13—Chester Cup.

May 17—Jubilee Handicap, Kempton Park.

Cricket—May 17—M.C.C. v. Australians, Lord's.

May 31—June 3—Test Match, England v. The Rest, Lord's.

scriptions were \$200 up on the previous year. Once again they were indebted to the Stewards of the Jockey Club for a generous grant of \$2,500. This very material assistance had in the past been a saviour to polo. A contribution of \$1,500 had been received this year.

The balance sheet showed that the cash position was very substantially increased and there was now a reserve against interport expenses, returning, and other extraordinary charges.

Plenty of Polo. Reviewing the Club's playing activities, the Chairman said that ordinary station polo had been consistently played. In the Autumn for about a month the average number of chukkas had been as high as 10 to 12 a day.

It had been found impossible to send a team to Shanghai to challenge for the Kewick Cup. No interport match had thus taken place since 1927, when Shanghai came to Hong Kong. It was hoped to send a team this year, and the question would come before the incoming Committee.

Duke of Gloucester's Visit. H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester had honoured the Club with a visit, and played polo, together with his staff, on April 26. In appreciation of the visit he had presented the

Club with his autographed photograph.

Tournament Results.

Tournaments during the year resulted as follows: "Typhoons" (Colonel Brownrigg, Major Wolfe Murray, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Heard).

"K.O.Y.L.I." Cup—Won by a K.O.S.B. side.

Ground Tenure. The position as regards ground tenure, said the Chairman, could best be summarised by quoting from the recent report of the Playing Fields Committee, which said:

"We have given very careful consideration to the question of how the area at present allotted to the Polo Club at Queen's Recreation Ground could most fairly and usefully be employed for the purposes of recreation. We have noticed that whilst this area is, on the one hand, nominally reserved for a comparatively small body, viz., the playing members of the Polo Club, in reality it forms a playground for many hundreds of children of the locality when not in actual use for polo, and we are informed that the Polo Club has offered the use of the ground for other games on the whole of Saturdays and Sundays throughout the year when the ground is not ordinarily used by the Polo Club and subject to no serious damage being done to the turf. We realise further the importance of the game of polo in training of my officers and would be loath to do anything that would impede the continued existence of the game in the Colony. We understand from the Club's representatives however that if an alternative ground is offered in the Aberdeen Valley the Club would have no objection to transferring there, its stables remaining where they are now and ponies being walked out to the ground prior to play."

"We recommend therefore that when a space is made available in the Aberdeen Valley, the Polo Club, as now occupying ground which might more suitably be allotted to other Clubs with more numerous membership, should be re-allotted a ground at Aberdeen, and that meanwhile the Polo Club should continue in the use of its present ground by any new allotments in such a way as to prevent its present use as a playground by the children of the neighbourhood unless an alternative playground is provided."

Referring to the proposed ground at Aberdeen, the Chairman said that several years must elapse before the work would be completed, even if the scheme were approved by the Government.

"Walters" Not Wanted. A note of warning was sounded as to the use of "Walters" for polo. Their introduction into India and Egypt had financially ruined the sport. Players were accordingly asked not to introduce them into Hong Kong polo.

Finally the Chairman voiced the thanks of all members to the Secretary, Mr. "Bill" Stanton, for his indefatigable work during the year.

New Governor as President. The meeting decided to ask the new Governor, Sir William Peel, to become President of the Club.

Major-General J. W. Sandilands. Rear-Admiral R. A. S. Hill and Mr. J. Paterson were elected Vice-Presidents. Col. Brownrigg was elected Chairman and Mr. W. T. Stanton Hon. Secretary.

The following were elected to the Committee.—Col. MacLaine, Major Philby, Lieut. Mould, R.A., Messrs. J. P. Heard and R. Gordon.

"BOYS" WHO GAMBLE. Sequel to Raid by the Police.

CLUB OR SCHOOL? Taking into consideration the fact that he thought the school to be more in the nature of an ordinary club, Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning imposed a fine of \$10 on the keeper of a gambling den at 1, Peking Road, first floor. Eight others, five of whom were stated to be "boys" employed by the Peninsula Hotel, were fined \$3 each for being participants in a game of Pat-kai.

The spokesman of the defendants, a "boy" at the Peninsula Hotel, told his Worship that they lived on the sixth floor of the building, and that because of the heat in the evenings they went to "take the air" in Peking Road, where they enjoyed a game of mah-jongg, or so.

Detective-Sergeant Humphreys, who carried out the raid, intimated that the information he received was to the effect that 25 to 30 people indulged in gambling nightly, but when he made the raid nearly all the players had evidently gone home, and left just a few. It was a very decent club, and was in no way disrespectful, but the Police only made the raid to stop developments which might subsequently arise. These "boys" were not allowed to gamble in the Peninsula Hotel, so they grouped together, raised some money, and hired this floor in Peking Road.

MUI-TSAI CASE.

Gross Cruelty Alleged Against Mistress.

NEIGHBOURS' COMPLAINT

What is undoubtedly the most serious allegation of gross cruelty to a mulatto girl was mentioned before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham to-day, when a Chinese woman named Chau Ho, alias Hung Fui-nul, of 8, Kin Sau Lane, was charged with the ill-treatment of a six-year-old girl named Chan Kam-ying, on May 3.

Accused denied that the girl was a mulatto, and claimed that she was her niece whom she had adopted as a daughter. She did not deny that she had beaten the girl, but said that she did not hit her on the face. She added: "The people who got me arrested are against me."

Two Black Eyes. Although the alleged assault took place three days ago, the little girl, when exhibited to the Magistrate this morning had two ugly black eyes and a cut on her upper lip.

Inspector J. Murphy, of the S.C.A., in asking for a date to be fixed for the hearing of the case, in which Mr. H. R. Butters was prosecuting, told the Magistrate that besides medical evidence he had five or six witnesses who would say that they saw the accused beat the little girl with firewood after tying her to a bed.

In answer to the Magistrate, the Inspector said that the accused was not arrested until yesterday, when a complaint was made to the Police by a neighbour.

The Magistrate fixed hearing of the case for 11 o'clock on Thursday morning and remanded accused without bail.

BRAINY CONSTABLE. How He Caught a Motor Lorry.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DISOBEYED.

The story of how a Shantung traffic constable chased an offending motor lorry by jumping on to the foot-board of a passing motor car, was told to Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning when the driver of the lorry was charged with disobeying a traffic signal at the foot of Garden Road, on April 24.

Mr. W. Sayers, of the P.W.D., gave evidence for the prosecution. He said that just before 1 p.m., he drove his car down Garden Road intending to turn east. When he reached the bottom he pulled up because the red light on the traffic post was showing against him.

The defendant's lorry was in front of his car. After stopping the defendant suddenly took it on himself to proceed across Queen's Road before the light had been changed. He cut in front of a motor car proceeding eastward along Queen's Road, and then turned into Murray Road. The car had to pull up to avoid colliding with the lorry.

The pointsman called out to defendant to stop but, instead of doing so, the latter accelerated. Then the constable jumped on to the passing motor car and chased the lorry along Murray Road. He (Mr. Sayers) followed in his own car and saw the defendant stop by the constable near Butterfield & Swire's premises.

After evidence had been taken, defendant decided to admit the offence; whereupon the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10.

A New Device. A new device for smuggling opium was related to Mr. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when he imposed a fine of \$3,260 with the alternative of one year's hard labour, on a Chinese, who pleaded guilty to a charge of the unlawful possession of 112 taels of raw opium.

Revenue Officer Tallon said that the defendant came off the Canton train, when the opium was found concealed in the ring spaces of two vegetable steamers.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank Wire	1/6 1/16
Bank, On demand	1/6 3/4
Bank, 30 day's sight	1/6 3/4
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/6 3/4
Credita, 4 months' sight	1/7 1/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/7 3/16
On Paris—	
On demand	935
Credita, 4 months' sight	1010
On Berlin—	
On demand	36 3/4
On New York—	
On demand	38 3/4
On Bombay—	
Wire	101 1/4
On demand	101 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	101 1/4
On demand	101 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	65
On Manila—	
On demand	73 3/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78 3/4
80 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	74
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	12.84
Silver (per oz)	19 9/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	3 1/4 prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Interest	5% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	23 3/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	1 1/4% dis.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.85
New York	4.86 1/2
Brussels	34.84
Geneva	25.085
Amsterdam	12.075
Milan	92.73
Berlin	20.365
Stockholm	18.095
Copenhagen	18.165
Oslo	18.16
Vienna	34.465
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	39.32
Lisbon	108.30
Athens	875
Bucharest	818
Rio	57 1/2
Buenos Aires	43 9/16
Bombay	1/5 3/16
Shanghai	1/10 3/4
Yokohama	2/0 3/4
Hong Kong	1/6
Silver Spot	19 9/16
Silver Forward	19 1/2

—British Wireless Service.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

Illicit Practices in India.

Simla, Yesterday.

The Viceroy, opening a conference of Provincial Excise Ministers to discuss the suppression of the opium evil, invited opinions on the question of supplying opium in tablet form with a view to reducing illicit practices. He quoted figures showing that the consumption of opium in British India had been considerably reduced.—Reuter.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 6th May, 1930

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Mon.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	1400	1405	...	...	Dec.	[Final 24 s/a 1929 for 1927, 24 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Chartered Bank .....	...	...	172	...	Dec.	[Final 7 s/a 1929 for 1927, 7 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Mercantile Bk., Ltd. .....	...	...	301	...	Dec.	[Final 7 s/a 1929 for 1927, 7 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Bank of Asia	109	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 7 s/a 1929 for 1927, 7 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	395	...	900	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Union Ins.	170	475	470	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
China Underwriters .....	...	...	1.40	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
China Fire Ins.	355	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
H. K. Fire Ins. .....	...	...	300	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Shipping.						
Douglases .....	...	...	322	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
H. K. Steamships	25 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Indo-China (Pref.) .....	...	...	43	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Shell Transport .....	...	...	99 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Union Waterboat	28 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Mining.						
Benguet .....	...	...	6 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Kailan Mining Ad. .....	...	...	38 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Langkat (Comb.) .....	...	...	13.60	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Langkat (Single)	7 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
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China Providents	5.60	4.70	5.60	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Hongkew	260	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
N. Engineering .....	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Shanghai Docks	120	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	18 1/2	Dec.	[Final 27 s/a 1929 for 1927, 27 s/a 1928 for 1928]—\$10. Pending
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BAD PROPAGANDA.

French Co-operation with Chinese.

CONSUL-GENERAL'S DENIAL.

Shanghai, April 14.
The statement made in yesterday's Kuo Wen despatch from Canton that French troops from Indo-China had "incidentally" co-operated with the 8th division under General Kiang Chun-hsi in driving the Communists out of Lungchow has caused a mild furor in local French circles. The statement is considered to be propaganda in its worst form. The possibility of French troops joining hands with one Chinese army against another is emphatically refuted.

It was reported that the French authorities had despatched a military force 300 strong, composed mostly of Annamites, and five military aeroplanes, to besiege the city. These troops were said to have started an offensive on March 25, in conjunction with General Liang's forces, which resulted in the killing of hundreds of communists and the subsequent execution of five Russian and a number of native agitators outside the East Gate of the city.

This action by the French was described as a reprisal for the destruction of the French consulate and the arrest and detention of M. Cadet, the consul, by communists on February 19. M. Cadet was then kept in confinement for two days before being escorted to Langson in company without missionaries, two of whom were women.

The remark that the French troops co-operated "incidentally" rather than intentionally in this attack on Lungchow was interpreted as meaning that an independent French punitive expedition from Indo-China fell in with General Liang's troops and promptly took service under his flag.

French Activities Distorted.

Interviewed by a representative of the North-China Daily News, M. E. Koehlin, Consul-General for France, said that the report was obviously ridiculous and far-fetched. "It is absurd to say that unit of French troops would incidentally or otherwise aid a Chinese army, however pressing the necessity," M. Koehlin said. "Such aid could be an act of war. The only instance in which French troops might cross the boundary of Indo-China is in connection with the affairs of the Yunnan Railway, which they guard from attack by special arrangement. This report is obviously propaganda, and I shall send it to the Governor of Indo-China as an example of how French activities are distorted and used for propaganda purposes."

It will be remembered that, on February 19, after the destruction of the French consulate and the arrest of the consul, the French mission at Lungchow was set afire and the houses of the four English missionaries thoroughly looted. Thirty orphans in the care of these missionaries were led away, and the missionaries themselves imprisoned in the yamen, together with the French consul.

Death Seriously Considered.
A "Workman's Council" seriously debated the possibility of executing the prisoners. Scaffolding was erected, ostensibly with the object of hanging them. Sane counsel, however, prevailed, and they were subsequently handed over to a military escort to take them over the frontier to Langson, in Indo-China.

The four captives were forced to walk the long distance be-

tween Chinese and French territory. Their sufferings during the march were terrible. Sleeping at night on dirty straw, very much alive, and subsisting on a few sticks of sugar cane begged en route, the lady members of the party particularly felt the exigencies of the only road to life. At Langson the party was received by the Resident and treated with great kindness. They found the French authorities determined to close the frontier once for all and to prevent any kind of communication between Kuangsi and Tonkin. No hint of reprisal was then or has since been made by the French authorities. The report of their conjunction with the 8th division in an attack upon the city where these survivors experienced so much cruelty is, at this late date, obviously unfounded.—N. C. Daily News.

PIRATE GANGS.

Reported Government Successes.

Shanghai, April 15.
According to official reports the pirate gangs which had been operating around the shores of the Taihu Lake and becoming more daring lately when they invaded into Kunshan, Wusien and Wukiang-hsien, have been completely dispersed as the result of a joint campaign by the Kiangsu and Anhui troops. Their leader Mao Tien-lung was wounded in an engagement with the government troops at Lienhua-tao, in which the gangsters were scattered.

Mao is said to have escaped to Shanghai with his two concubines while the majority of the minor leaders have either been killed or captured.

A blockade has been enforced on the Taihu Lake and a cleansing campaign to uproot the haunts of the lawless gangs has been started under the auspices of Brigadier commander Hu Chu-yu.—A.N.A.



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HARBIN NOTES.

Sungari Navigation Open Again.

AMUR NEGLECTED.

Harbin, April 13.
Yesterday morning the whistle of steamers could be heard from early hours and before midday several passenger boats left for places up and down the river. Merchants despatched many goods to lower river towns but at present no steamer is being sent to the Amur as there has been nothing settled regarding navigation of that river. If the Chinese and Soviet could come to an agreement regarding interchange of navigation rights on the Amur and Sungari there would be a considerable increase in Harbin trade.

Italian Opera-Singers.

For the first time in Harbin history several Italian opera artists are in the town. They are the leading stars of Mr. Carpi's company which has been touring the Far East and are on their way home via Siberia. Tomorrow they will give a grand concert at the Railway Club theatre and it is possible that they will also sing in one or two operas, the smaller parts being taken by local talent.

New Soviet Consul-General.

On Tuesday morning the new Soviet Consul-General to Mukden, Mr. Znamensky, is due to arrive and will probably stay here several days before going on. It is reported that he has powers from the Moscow Government to settle a number of important questions, including the details of the Sino-Soviet Conference. Mr. Znamensky has much knowledge of Far Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Chang Ko-cheng Resigns.

Very quickly on the disturbances caused by the students a week ago, there was an urgent telegram to the Chief of the Department of Education, Mr. Chang Ko-cheng, to come immediately to Mukden, and within a couple of days Harbin received news that he was not returning to his post. Mr. Chang Ko-cheng was appointed to his post exactly seventeen months ago and at once commenced a very strong anti-Soviet campaign, taking much more interest in politics than in education. It was he who directed the raid on the Soviet Consulate and who took over the Manchuria Research Society, the Central Library and the Meteorological Station, as well as many other institutions where the Russians formerly predominated. He was educated at the Railway Commercial School in Harbin, therefore speaking Russian very well, and as he at one time resided with the Horvath family, he was imbued with the ideas of the old Monarchist Party, hating everything connected with the Soviet Government.

Mukden's Orders.

On the signing of the Habarovsk Agreement, it was generally thought that he would leave his post, but he remained and strongly objected to the return of the Central Library and the Meteorological Station to the Railway authorities when the Soviet members returned, but Mukden gave orders for him to do so. Lately there has been very much grumbling on the part of the Chinese local schools, the teachers not having been paid their salaries and the scholars not being satisfied with regulations which interfered with their rights, all this resulting in the demonstrations which took place a short time ago.

Mr. Chang Ko-cheng seldom, if ever, paid a visit to any of the schools, leaving all the work to his inspectors and consequently many of the schools are in bad repair, though this may be owing to want of funds. He has built a very magnificent house for himself on the outskirts of the town, said to be the finest of any of those owned by Chinese members of the local administration, the inside fittings being of the richest style. It is not yet known who will succeed him but it is hoped that the new

McBRIDE CASE.

Summons on Commander Issued.

ONLY IGNORED.

Hankow, April 15.
Although twelve weeks have now gone by since the McBride case occurred it would appear that the affair still remains on the carpet, as far as the Chinese are concerned, as a testing point to prove that extrajudicial has been abolished where it pertains to British subjects. It will be remembered that the incident took place on January 23 and that Paymaster Commander McBride was released by the Chinese police officials in return for a letter written by H. B. M. Consul-general, Mr. Giles, guaranteeing that the Commander would appear before any enquiry as a witness.

Since that time the case, where the public have been concerned, has slipped into oblivion but the fact that the remains of the deceased lie unburied and still unburied gives out evidence that the affair continues to be held open by the Chinese. What has been going on behind the scenes is hard to glean but from what stray bits of information one can be picked up there is every reason to believe that the case was transferred from here to Nanjing to be settled between the higher authorities of each nation. A short while ago there was a persistent report that the powers-that-be had satisfactorily arranged matters among themselves whereby the validity of the present status of extrajudicial was recognised while it only needed the completion of the necessary arrangements for the deceased to be placed under the soil to mark the closing of the affair.

But Nanjing does not appear to be Hankow for instead of placing the case in the limbo of the past the procurator of the Chinese District Court has since issued a summons on Commander McBride to appear before him as defendant in a charge brought against him by the relatives of the deceased. It is needless to state that no heed was given same by Commander McBride. Such a step is nothing but directly against the status of extrajudicial which definitely lays down that any foreign subject enjoying the privilege is to be tried by his own Court. The point is one on which no sane foreign official can compromise, alteration being only obtainable through recognised negotiation. The case therefore has gone right back to where it started.—C. C. Post.

TOO COSTLY.

Japanese Weddings in Hawaiian Islands.

Honolulu, April 23.

The elaborate ceremonial traditions of the Japanese, who make up over one-third of Hawaii's population, and the high cost of living which is one of the things Hawaii acquired from America's annexation, have combined to make Japanese weddings almost impossible burdens except for the very wealthy. As a result Japanese leaders are going to do something about it. Members of the Seikatsu Kaizen Kenkyu Kwai, Research Society for the Betterment of Social Customs, have appointed a committee to make recommendations for the simplification of the present customary elaborate ceremonials at formal weddings.

Debts amounting to thousands of dollars frequently are incurred by Japanese in Hawaii in order to stage weddings fitting to their social status.

The move has received sanction in the highest circles, including the approval of Consul and Madame Sukeyuki Akamatsu.—United Press.

Chief of the Department of Education will be selected from an educational and not a political side. At present there is no one in the Department who can speak English well and yet this is one of the most important languages in the world.—P. & T. Times.

BRENNER CASE.

Heavy Sentences Upon Kidnappers.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

Tientsin, April 23.
The final sitting in connection with the Brenner kidnapping case took place at the Tientsin District Court yesterday afternoon when judgment was delivered. The sitting was a brief one, lasting about fifteen minutes. Mr. Geo. Atcheson, American Consul at Tientsin, and Mr. Aron Brenner and his brother, were present to watch the proceedings.

The five accused in the case—Kiknovaldze (41), Koroloff (32), Alehan (34), Chihvaria (45) and Shornik (19)—were summoned before Judge Kung Chia-chang. After they had repeated their names, nationalities, addresses and ages, the Judge read the sentences decided upon. The following is a translation of the sentences inflicted upon the accused:—

"Kiknovaldze, Koroloff, Alehan and Chihvaria, who were working together to capture a man for ransom, are sentenced to life imprisonment."

"Shornik, who attempted to gain money by threats with failure, is sentenced to five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$900, and if he is unable to produce this sum the alternative of one day's imprisonment for every \$3 is allowed. Remission of sentence is allowed at the rate of one day's imprisonment for every two days of the period which elapsed between the date of his arrest and the date of the sentence, or of \$3 of the fine for every one day of the same period."

After the delivery of the sentences all the accused were silent, save Chihvaria who, in a loud voice, made protests. The Judge, however, cut him short, and said that if he was not satisfied with the sentence inflicted upon him he could make an appeal to the Hopei High Court.

It is understood that if all of the prisoners make no demand for an appeal to the High Court within ten days from the delivery of the judgment they must serve their sentences.—P. & T. Times.

STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise and Sunset In Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for May (Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

May	Sunrise	Sunset
1	5.48	6.52
2	5.48	6.52
3	5.47	6.53
4	5.47	6.53
5	5.46	6.54
6	5.46	6.54
7	5.45	6.54
8	5.44	6.55
9	5.44	6.55
10	5.43	6.55
11	5.43	6.56
12	5.42	6.56
13	5.42	6.57
14	5.42	6.57
15	5.41	6.58
16	5.41	6.59
17	5.41	6.59
18	5.40	7.00
19	5.40	7.00
20	5.40	7.01
21	5.39	7.01
22	5.39	7.02
23	5.39	7.03
24	5.39	7.03

TIENTSIN TRAGEDY.

Tientsin, April 25.
Mrs. Hadley, who has been arrested by the police of the First Special Area in connection with the case in which a Russian newspaper vendor is alleged to have been stabbed to death in a house in the First Special Area, was handed over to the British authorities at Tientsin yesterday afternoon. She will be brought before H.B.M. Consular Court at 10.30 this morning.—P. & T. Times.

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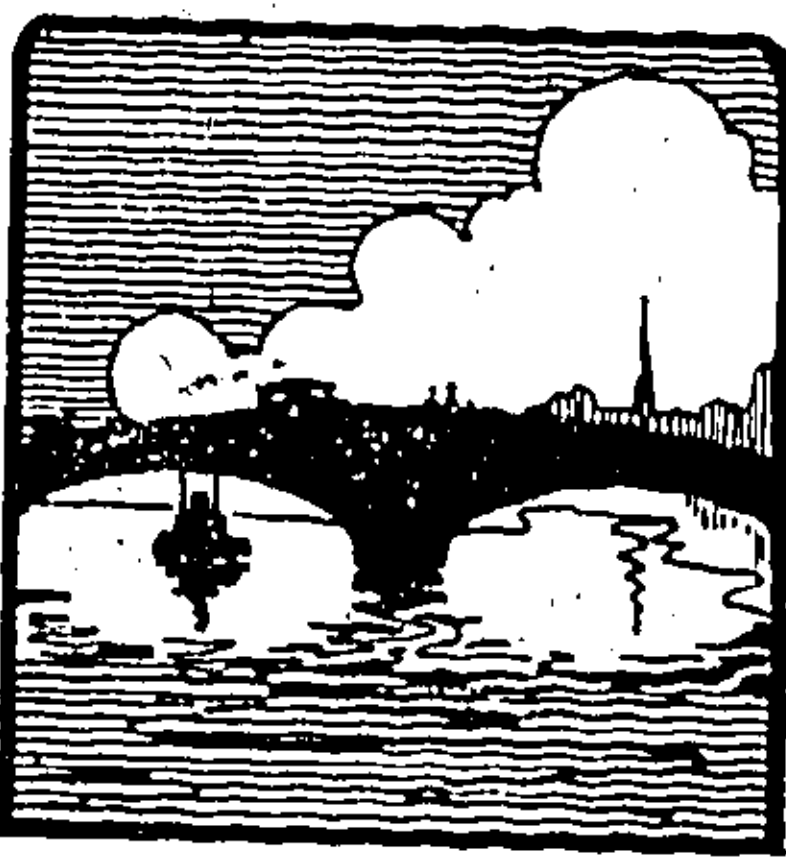
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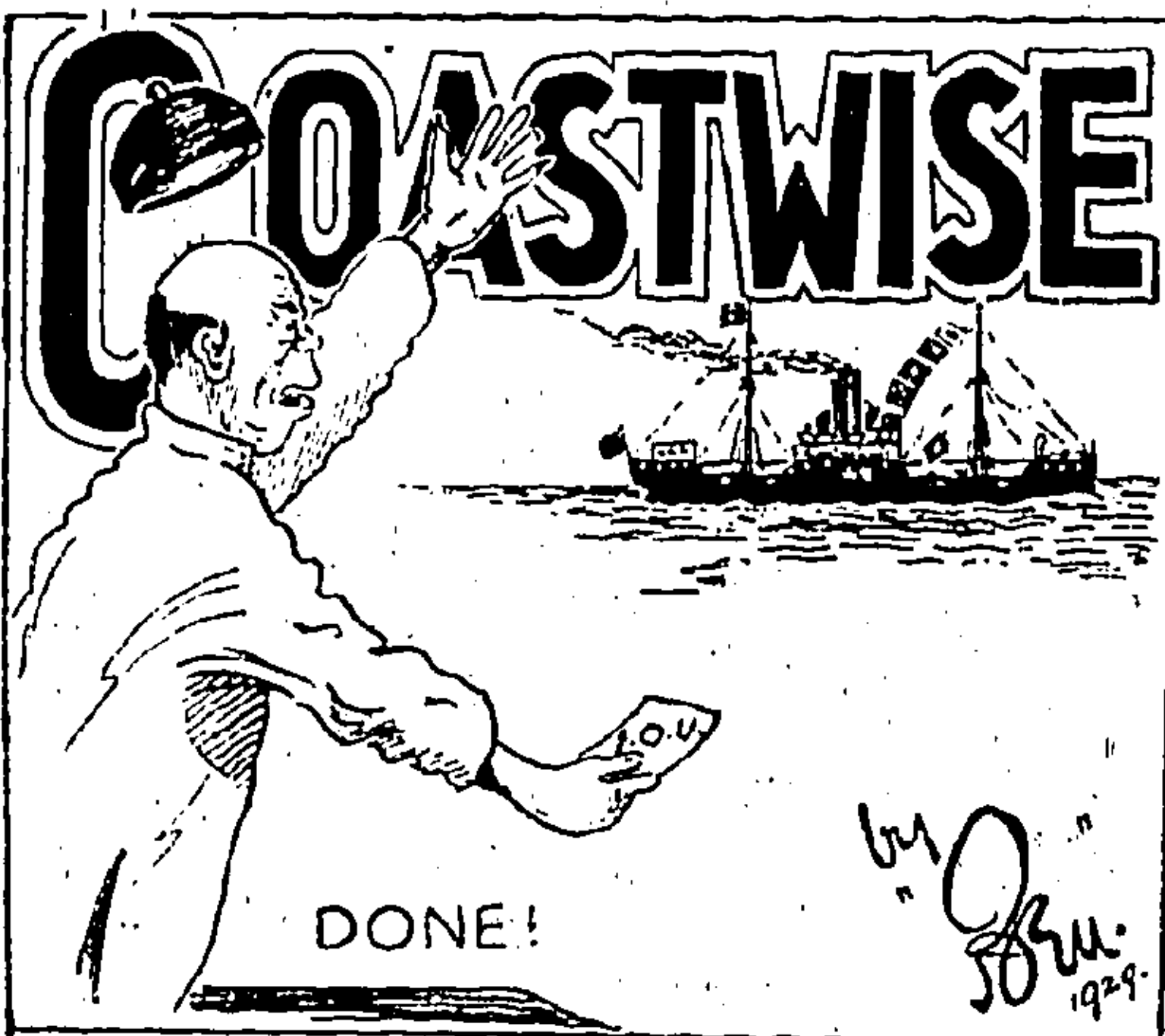
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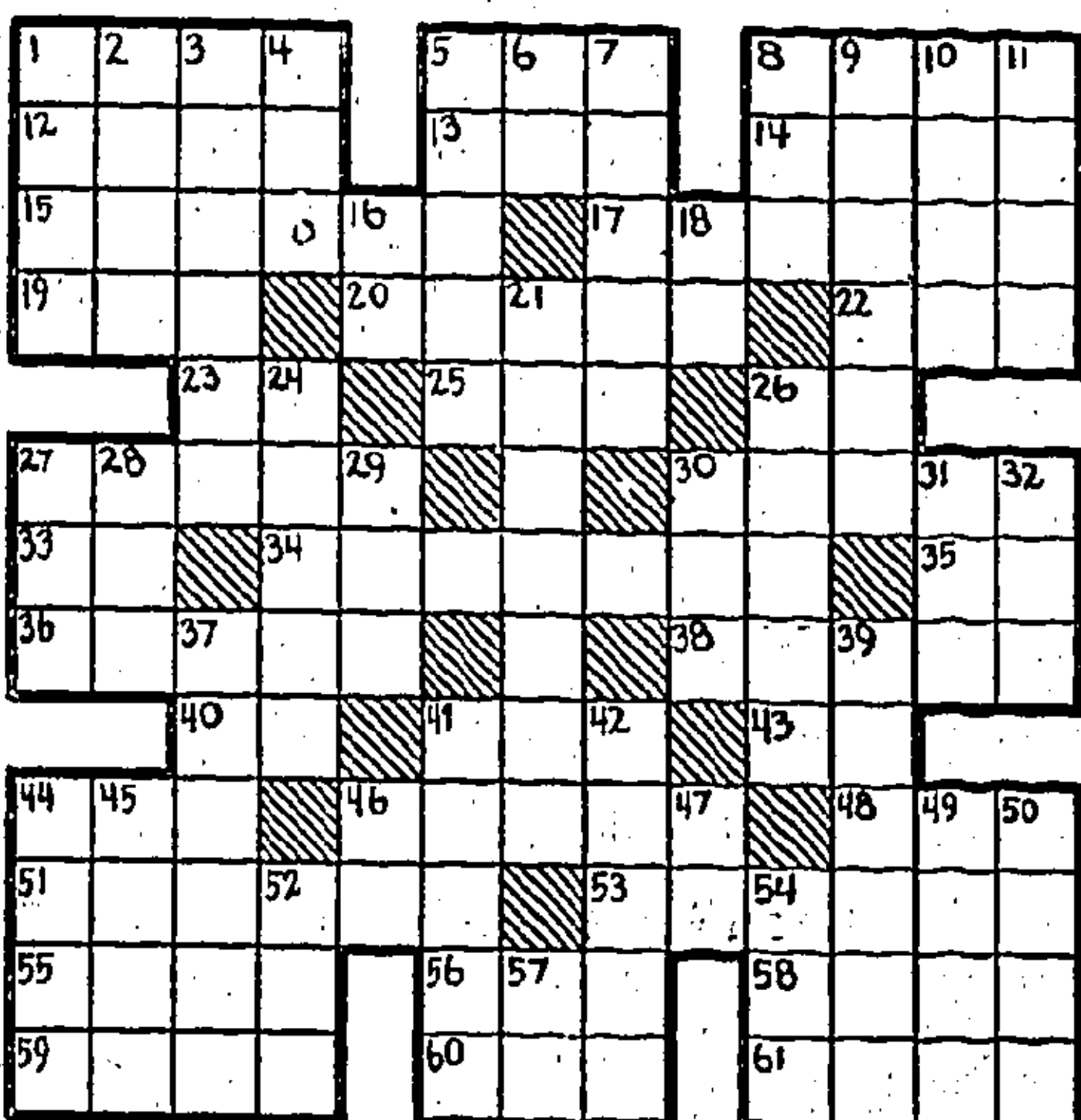
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

HORIZONTAL

- 1-Worry
- 5-Domesticated carnivorous mammal
- 8-Backward project- ing point
- 12-Comfort
- 15-Consumed
- 16-At sea
- 18-Made amends for
- 19-Natural
- 20-A textile fabric
- 22-Measure of length
- 23-Part of the body
- 24-Attitude
- 25-To make tanning
- 26-Arab (abbr.)
- 27-Cured hog meat
- 30-Natives of Arabia
- 32-Fish (abbr.)
- 34-In the interior country
- 35-Prefix indicating the dawn
- 36-Kingdom between Tibet and India
- 38-Of recent origin
- 40-Three (Italian)
- 42-Musical note

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 24-Tablet
- 26-To sew loosely
- 48-To catch suddenly
- 51-Muddles
- 53-Touch
- 55-A golf term
- 56-Classic form of "son"
- 58-A large wooded plant
- 60-Mistake
- 61-Former allowance for waste due to transportation

VERTICAL

- 1-Dread
- 2-Gruffs
- 3-Partially to Accep
- 4-Half a score
- 5-Military student
- 6-In contact with
- 7-Doctrine
- 8-Hinder
- 9-Capital of Eritrea
- 10-E. Africa
- 11-Erect

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Soothing applica- tion
- 16-Printer's measure
- 22-Ellipse
- 27-Makers of suits
- 28-Vanderer
- 29-Eagerness
- 32-Enclosure for stor- ing coal
- 38-Exist
- 39-Nothing
- 40-Girl's name
- 41-Insect
- 42-Sun
- 43-To row gently
- 45-A pedlar
- 46-Relish
- 47-The upper lip
- 48-A Hebrew month
- 49-Each (abbr.)
- 50-A pedlar
- 51-Circled
- 52-Contradict
- 53-Boy's name (short)
- 54-Comparative ending
- 55-Not adjective

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
tomorrow's issue, along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

RADIO TOPICS

The following programme will be
broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong
Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355
metres:—6-7 p.m.—Programme of
Columbia Records by Courtesy of
Anderson Music Company:

"Wembley Military Tattoo".

The Band of H. M. Grenadier
Guards; Pipes, 1st, Batt. Scots
Guards (Conducted by Capt.
George Miller) with Stadium
Choir, directed by Henry Jaxon.

"Tannhauser — O Star of Eve" (Wagner).

"Carmen — The Toreador Song" (Bizet).

Harold William and The B.B.C.
Chorus. With Orch.

"If Winter Comes" (Billy Bennett).

"The Detective" (Billy Bennett).

Billy Bennett.

"Marche Militaire" (Schubert, arr.
Gulffrey)."Villanelle" (Doll Acqua, arr. Win-
terbottom).Regimental Band of H. M.
Grenadier Guards."Broadway Selection" (Gottler, Mit-
chell and Conrad).Regal Cinema Orchestra conducted
by Edmund Starkey."Beneath Thy Window" (Teschema-
cher and di Capua).

"Come Back" (Ecklin and Toselli).

William Toselli. Tenor With
Orchestra."Reaching For Someone" (Leslie and
Donaldson)."Hang On To Me" (Klages and
Greer).Ukulele Ike (Cliff Edwards)
with Novelty Accompaniment.7-7.30 p.m.—Lesson in Cantonese
by the Rev. H. R. Wells.7.30-8 p.m.—Recorded Pro-
gramme continued:"Sonata (Appassionata) In F.
Minor" (Beethoven, Op. 57) Piano-
forte Solo by William Murdoch.8 p.m.—Chinese Programme re-
layed from Ko Shing Theatre until
end of play.

9 p.m.—Weather Report.

THE ROMANTIC SIDE.

Marriages Through
the Wireless.An ex-announcer writes in the
Sheffield Weekly Telegraph:—

It is difficult to imagine a place
where hardheaded efficiency could be
more to the fore and sentiment less
in evidence than in a broadcasting
studio. The dim, red lights over
the doors, the quiet voiced an-
nouncer, the festooned ceilings, and
the carpeted floor all tell of a practi-
cal and scientific business calculated
to give the maximum of service
with the minimum of trouble. In
such surroundings the singing of a
love song seems a trifle incongruous.
Indeed, more than one experienced
singer has told me that the render-
ing of a sentimental ballad in the
studio is made a hundred times more
difficult by the hardness of the sur-
rounding atmosphere.

Yes, there is no doubt about it,
broadcasting is certainly a cold-
blooded business. Yet because it is
a business run by human beings
with the hearts and feelings of or-
dinary mortals, romance has pene-
trated on many occasions into that
holiest of wireless holes—the
studio.

I could name a dozen couples who,
thrown together by wireless work,
have become happily married. Some
of them, I must admit, are com-
paratively unknown, whilst others it
would not be policy to mention.
Among the latter are two well-
known announcers whose mar-
riages, purely for business reasons,
have never been mentioned.

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is foolishly termed by the powers
that be, is not permitted to the
broadcasting officials.

Popular Favourites.

But there are some interesting
stories to tell of the studio romances
of the ordinary artists. The first
pair to enjoy a genuine radio wed-
ding were Miss Mavis Bennett and
Mr. Stanford Robinson. Neither of
them needs any introduction to lis-
teners.

I have heard Mavis Bennett de-
scribed as "the finest soprano who
ever sang from a broadcasting
studio." This is a sweeping state-
ment, but, in the opinion of many
competent musical critics, Miss Ben-
nett fully deserves that proud title.
Her voice has those fine qualities
which mark her as a singer of the
highest class, and that her person-
ality is just as charming was soon
discovered by Mr. Stanford Rob-
inson when he played her accompani-
ments at her first studio broadcast
in January, 1925.

The romance was as quick as it
was unexpected. Within ten days
Mr. Robinson proposed and found
for himself a wife, whose name, at
the present time, is just as famous
as his own—which, I think you will
admit, is saying a lot. It would be
unpolitic to state that Mr. and Mrs.
Stanford Robinson are actually the
happiest of all the radio couples, but
I know of none happier. It would
not be possible!

A Lucky Hitch.

From comedy and revue, let us
turn to the classics. There cannot
be a single listener in the Kingdom
who, at sometime or another, has
not heard the wonderful playing of
Maurice Cole, the first of the B.B.C.
pianists. And those who have been
charmed by his artistry must surely
also have heard his wife, who is none
other than the violinist, Miss
Winifred Small.

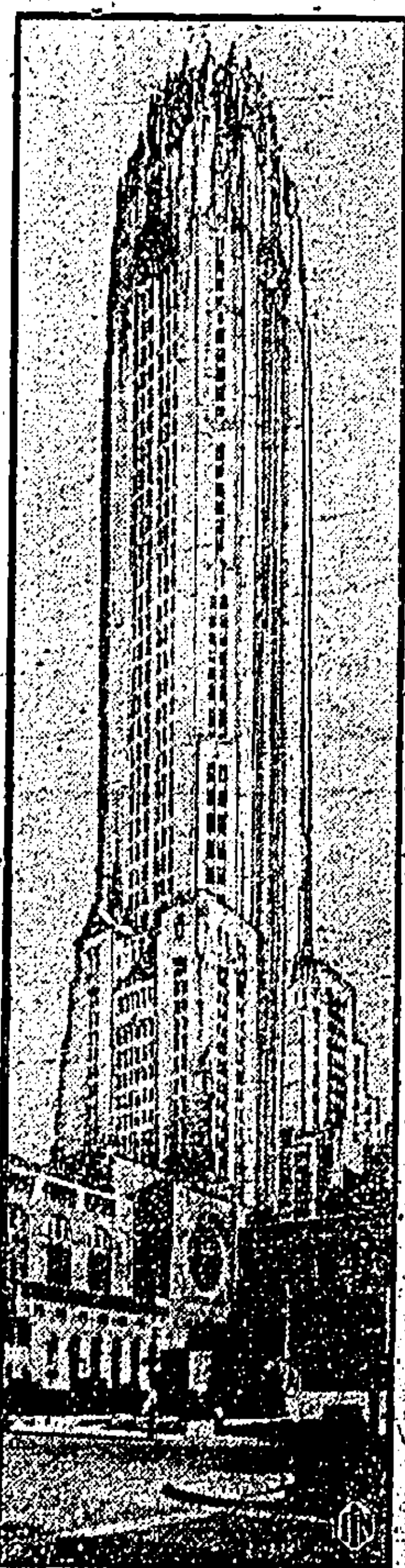
The pair first met some years ago
at a small concert at St. Leonard's-
on-Sea. For a considerable time
they completely lost touch with one
another and then fate took a hand
in their re-union. Mr. Cole was
touring the B.B.C. stations with
Miss Daisy Kennedy as his violinist.
At Cardiff, however, Miss Kennedy
was taken suddenly ill, and Mr. Cole
was at his wits' end to find a sub-
stitute.

It so happened that Miss Small
had just completed a circuit of the
stations and was finishing up at
Cardiff when Mr. Cole arrived.
Remembering how well he had liked
her playing at the seaside resort, he
immediately suggested that Miss
Small should take Miss Kennedy's
place. The authorities were agree-
able, and, on the following day, the
pair set off for Aberdeen.

The tour was a success in more
ways than one, for, within two
years, Maurice Cole and Winifred
Small became man and wife. But
for the strange chapter of accidents
which brought them together at
Cardiff when Miss Kennedy was
taken ill, they might never have
met again.

Last, but by no means least, I
should mention how Stuart Rob-
inson, the well-known singer, met his
wife, Miss Alice Moxon. They were
first introduced at a concert in the
Midlands, and, during the course of
conversation, they discovered they
were both due to broadcast from
Bournemouth on the same day in the
following week.

They travelled down together by
car to the seaside station, and, al-
though shortly afterwards Mr.
Robinson left for a lengthy Austral-
ian tour, he returned to add the
finishing touch to yet another radio
romance.



The architect's drawing for the
proposed fifty-story Tower Build-
ing which is to be erected by the
Radio Corporation of America-
Victor Company at the southwest
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Gothic design and will be ready
for occupancy in the Summer of
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CO-OPERATION.

Model for People's
Daily Conduct.

Addressing a luncheon-hour
gathering of business men on broad-
casting at the Memorial Hall, Far-
rington Street, E.C., recently, Sir
John Roth Director-General of
the British Broadcasting Corporation,
said that if, for instance, the
King's speech had been broadcast
throughout the world it was thanks
to the co-operation of 270 stations.

"What makes such co-operation
possible?" he asked. "I have come
to the conclusion it is the spreading
example of idealism. If everyone
were as polite over the garden wall,
or on the highway, as we are on the
ether, the world would be a better
place."

Referring to the religious policy
of the B.B.C., Sir John said: "Some
people wish they could have the same
sort of principles motivating the
conduct of the cinema. But when
the religious policy, or the educa-
tional, or good music policies of the
B.B.C. are assailed, how many peo-
ple bestir themselves in their de-
fence?"

Slowness in defence of the prin-
ciples one had at heart was, he con-
tinued, rather annoying at times,
and rather wrong. Broadcasting
ought to be inspirational and make
people think for themselves.

"I submit that, having regard to
all the conditions, our policy ought
to be one of idealism to some ex-
tent. That is what gives certain
sections of the Press something to
go at. They say it is a pity the
B.B.C. have not less ideals and more
ideals. Let them say. This policy
of idealism seems to me to be the
justification of the non-competitive
system."

WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of water in Re-
servoirs on April 1, 1930:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS.

	1929	1930
Tytam	21' 1" B	14' 7" B
Tytam Bywash	24' 10" B	22' 6" B
Tytam Intermediate	3' 0" B	55' 7" B
Tytam Tuk	99' 11" B	53' 5" B
Wong Nei Chung	35' 5" B	20' 3" B
Pokfulum	30' 7" B	17' 7" B
[Notes: B. denotes "Below Over- flow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow".] Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1929	1930
Tytam	229.27	272.35
Tytam Bywash	7.70	1.87
Tytam Intermediate	179.80	14.50
Tytam Tuk	38.42	437.80
Wong Nei Chung	1.88	5.98
Pokfulum	7.60	29.00

Total 457.20 781.10
Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District in millions and de-
cimals of gallons during the month
of March:

	1929	1930
Consumption	176.39	216.01
Estimated population	430,840	441,160
Consumption per head per day	13.1	15.8
Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only during March, 1929. From March 1 to 31, 1930, a 12- hours supply (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts. Principal Mains closed 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. From March 25 Shing Mun Water was supplied to the Central District of the City.		

KOWLOON WATER WORKS

	1929	1930
Kowloon Reservoir 32' 3" B	5' 0" B	
Shek Lai Pui		
Reservoir	11' 9" B	8' 0" B
Reception Reservoir 3' 2" B	L.	
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1929	1930
Kowloon Reservoir	69.25	302.40
Shek Lai Pui		
Reservoir	73.04	85.30
Reception Reservoir	24.55	88.15

Total 197.24 475.85
Consumption of water in Kowloon
in millions and decimals of gallons
during the month of March.

	1929	1930
Consumption	109.37	114.80
Estimated population	149,480	174,520
Consumption per head per day	20.7	21.2

Constant Supply for all districts
during March, 1929 and 1930.
The Government Analyst's reports
show that the quality of the water is
satisfactory.
Total rainfall: March 31, 1929,
2.02; March 31, 1930, 10.89.

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For the information of visitors
the following list of some of the
highest points on the Island and
Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1764
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland	Feet.
Kowloon Peak	1971
Tai Mo Shan	8124

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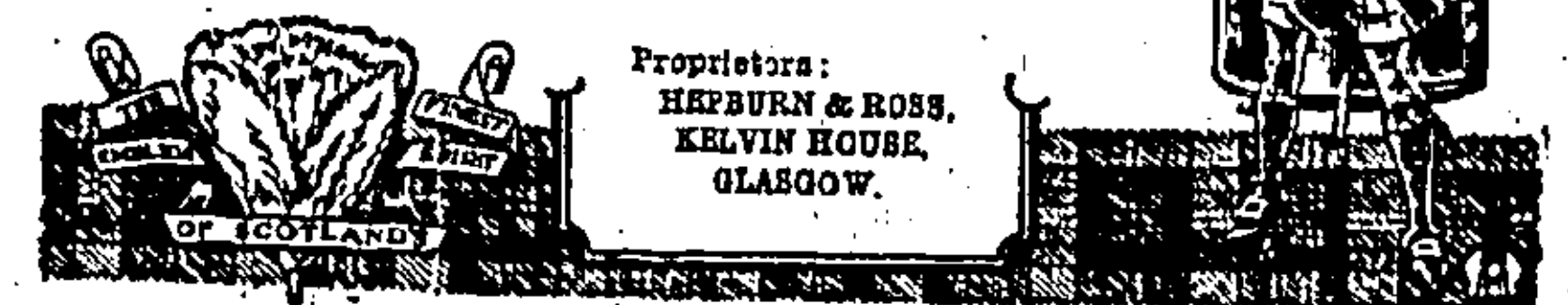
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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—Gleniffer, Blythmaru, Forthbank, Hakata Maru, Honolulu Maru, Kori Maru, Mau-sang.

INWARD MAILS

From WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, Apr. 10), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai Taiyo Maru
Shanghai & Swatow Kanchow
Shanghai & Swatow Sinkiang
Amoy Takliwa
Calcutta and Straits Yuensang

THURSDAY, MAY 8.
Canada (Vancouver B.C., April 17) U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London April 18) Emp. of Canada

FRIDAY, MAY 9.
Straits Lahore
U.S.A. (Seattle April 19) Japan & Shanghai, President Jackson
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, April 10 and Parcels April 8) Khiva

SUNDAY, MAY 11.
Amoy & Shanghai Tjkarang
TUESDAY, MAY 13.
Batavia Tjbadak
Australia and Manila Tai Ping

OUTWARD MAILS

For TUESDAY, MAY 6.
Saigon City of Norwich 3.30 p.m.
Samsui & Wuchow Tai Hing 4 p.m.
Saigon Tai Fook Sing 4.30 p.m.
Manila President Pierce 4.40 p.m.
Fort Bayard Sunkong 5 p.m.
Japan Muroran Maru 5 p.m.
Shanghai Shidzuoka Maru 5 p.m.
Registration 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7.
Swatow Yat Shing 8.30 a.m.
Amoy Tai Yuan 8.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia Gleniffer 4.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 8.
Straits and Calcutta Kutsang
Parcels May 8, Noon.
Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow Hydrangea 8 p.m.
Manila Empress of Canada 8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 9.
Amoy Yuensang 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hatching 1 p.m.

* Superadded correspondence only.

CRISIS BREWING IN SPAIN?

POLICE FIRE ON CROWD OF MEDICAL STUDENTS.

CABINET UPHEAVAL.

Perpignan, Yesterday.
A message from Madrid states that the Police used firearms during the disturbances at the Medical College and Madrid University. One medical student was killed and several were wounded. It is stated that a Cabinet meeting will be convoked urgently.

Later.
A confirmation of the report says that one person was killed and 17 were injured outside the Faculty of Medicine.

It is believed that a Cabinet crisis is brewing.—Reuter.

PROBLEM OF SOUDAN

Difficulties Hold Up Egypt Negotiations.

AN ADJOURNMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The negotiations with the Egyptian delegation were resumed at the Foreign Office this evening. Mr. Henderson, Foreign Secretary, was accompanied by Lord Thompson, Secretary for Air, Lord Passfield, Secretary for Dominions, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Sir Percy Loraine, High Commissioner in Egypt.

The situation created by the reference home by the Egyptian delegation was considered. After conversations lasting two hours and a half, the negotiations were adjourned until to-morrow morning. It is understood that there is still some difficulty over the Soudan, and one or two other points.—British Wireless Service.

CARS COLLIDE.

Motor Lorry at Fault in Stubbs Road.

DANGER AT A BEND.

The Chinese driver of a motor lorry was to-day charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with negligent driving in Stubbs Road. He denied the offence.

Inspector Spalding said that the defendant's car was inside the white lines, about 150 yards below "Huntington," at the time he committed the offence. A Military mule cart was in front of defendant's lorry, going up, and the latter overtook and passed it right on the bend on the road, and on the wrong side.

He (the Inspector) was driving his own car down Stubbs Road at the time, and on turning the corner he saw the lorry only eight yards away. He immediately pulled up with a jerk, and thus avoided a collision with the lorry.

Behind witness's car was the car of Mr. Holmes, of the Educational Department. The latter was unable to pull up in the space at his disposal, and his car collided with the back of witness's car, both suffering some damage.

Magistrate (to defendant): You have no right to pass another vehicle on a bend.

Defendant: If you say so, then I am guilty.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$20.

PRISONERS MAY SIT.

C. J. Brings Procedure into Line with Britain.

CONCESSION WELCOMED.

During the hearing of the trial against three Chinese for murder this morning at the Criminal Sessions, Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C., informed Mr. Jenkin, counsel for

RANGOON SHAKEN BY VIOLENT TREMORS.

BUILDINGS COLLAPSE: 40 KILLED.

NATIVES PANIC-STRICKEN.

Rangoon, Yesterday.

Violent earthquake tremors caused panic throughout the city to-day. Numerous buildings were damaged and several casualties are reported. The extent of both the casualties and the damage is not yet known.

Later.

Over 150 casualties, including 40 killed, are reported in the violent earthquake at Rangoon. A number of buildings completely or partially collapsed. Panic prevailed.—Reuter.

Recorded in Hong Kong.

The first movement (i.e. the beginning of the longitudinal waves) occurred at 9 h. 49 m. 54 secs. p.m. on May 5 (Hong Kong Standard Time) and the beginning of the transversal waves was recorded at 9 h. 53 m. 12 secs. p.m. indicating that the origin was about 1,250 miles from Hong Kong and the initial movements (N. & E. components) indicated that its bearing was about W. by S. from Hong Kong.

This places the epicentre in the mountains to the N. of Rangoon. Mandalay probably felt the shock severely.

Rangoon time is 1 h. 30 minutes later than Hong Kong time. The waves would take about four minutes to reach Hong Kong, therefore the earthquake happened at 8.15 p.m., Rangoon time.

The greatest recorded amplitude of the long waves was 36 m.m., about the same as in the Japanese earthquake of September 1, 1923, indicating that it was a very severe earthquake.

the defence, that the prisoners might sit if they desired. He did not see why they should be made to stand up throughout the trial.

Mr. Jenkin: I thank your Lordship extremely. This is done in Britain, but I am afraid that the bench inside the dock is built too far in, and if the prisoners were to sit, they would not be able to hear the interpreter who is translating the evidence to them. After the tiffin interval will your Lordship order that three chairs might be placed for them near the railing?

His Lordship then gave the necessary order to the usher, and Mr. Jenkin commented that this practice should be followed in all cases.

It may be mentioned in passing that the privilege of allowing prisoners to be seated during a trial had hitherto been granted to those who were sick and feeble, and his Lordship is to be heartily commended for the consideration now to be shown.

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